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Washington, D. C., Special.

The most notable act of the administration within the past ten days was the appointment of Hon. Frank W. Palmer as Public Printer to succeed Mr. Benedict A happier selection could not have been made. Mr. Palmer held the office during the term of President Harrison and through the first year of the Cleveland regime. He is a thorough-going business man, and is an adept in the art of managing large enterprises. No higher compliment could have been paid to his executive ability, integrity and progressive methods than this prompt recall to duty by President McKinley.

Mr. Palmer's appointment carries with it a peculiar significance to the colored people, from the fact that our race is employed in large numbers in the Government Printing office, and their fortunes are very largely dependent upon the character and makeup of the head of this department. Mr. Palmer has in season and out of season proven to be the colored people's reliable friend. He has ever been keenly alive to the black man's disadvantages in the industrial and business world, and to many he has extended the hand of favor when the way was shrouded in gloom. It is not strange that his restoration is hailed with pleasure, for his fair and human policy toward all has earned for him an enduring popularity. Clerks, printers, book-binders, helpers and laborers unite in the acclaim over his return. To this host may be added the ladies in the press division, folding room and bindery, who remember his kindly consideration.

That Mr. Palmer's second term will be eminently successful, no one can doubt. He understands perfectly every detail of the great government printing house, and is gathering about him as superintendents, foremen, etc. persons upon whose judgment he can rely, He will make no mistake. The faithful colored men and women now employed will be accorded generous treatment, and as rapidly as circumstances will permit, others will be added to the rolls. Mr. Palmer is a civil service reformer of the practical kind, and no one will be discriminated against on account of color, politics, religion or nationality. With him, it is merit that tells. A reorganization in the direction of improvement in the service is now going on, and when this is completed, the craft will move on with renewed vigor and efficiency. There will be perfect serenity, contentment and hearty co-operation because of the general confidence in the presiding genius of the "front office." In selecting Hon. F. W. Palmer as Public Printer, President McKinley has chosen wisely.

EX SENATOR BRUCE TO BE REGISTER.

It is practically agreed that ex-Senator B. K. Bruce is to be Register of the Treasury. He is by all odds the foremost Afro-American Republican, and should have his pick of the good things in sight. There is not an individual of note or a newspaper of repute narrow enough to dispute this point. The Evening Star relates that the President recently informed a white applicant for treasury register that he had about concluded to give the place to one of the colored candidates This means the success of Mr Bruce, unless he should in the meantime be offered a more lucrative position. It is well-known that the ex-Senator could have a desirable foreign mission for the asking, but Mr. Bruce has intimated to the President and to interested friends that he prefers to remain in this country. His wishes will doubtless be regarded, and unless all signs fail, within a short time, Mr. Bruce's name will go to the Senate for the Register of the Treasury. Such a recognition will give general satisfaction to the race, of which Mr. Bruce is a worthy leader.

OFFICE AND OFFICE-SEEKERS.

Speaking of offices and office-seekers reminds me that "there are others"—others in the superlative plural, if you will allow the term. Col. M. M. Holland is gallantly leading the District forces for Recorder of Deeds, with L. C. Bailey in the "stretch." John C. Dancy and Banker Isaac H. Smith of North Carolina, have ambitions in the same direction, and are at present engaged in a wordy warfare over the strength of their respective claims. Unless they settle their differences and pull for places that do not conflict, the "Old North State" will not be in the running. Mr. Smith evinces remarkable originality as a letter-writer, and the Evening Star is giving his talents in that line full play. Mr. Dancy may be made collector of the port at Wilmington, and Mr. Smith will doubtless be well provided for in his state. Pennsylvania furnishes a candidate in the person of one Ridley, Delaware presents Joshua Parker, West Virginia names W. Powhattan Crump, Georgia furnishes Prof. R. R. Wright, Ohio comes forward with Senator John P. Green, Indiana suffers from an embarrassment of riches in the candidacies of Hon. G. L. Knox and Dr. S A. Elbert. Indiana politics is always a Chinese puzzle, and the outcome of the Hoosier situation is not apparent to the naked eye. It is certain, however, that both Knox and Elbert will be handsomely recognized, as their labors have been of a nature not to be ignored. Col. W. A. Pledger of "Gawgy," and Judge J. B. Raymond of Pennsylvania, want to go to Jamaica. Prof. W. H. H. Hart has his eye set on Cairo, Egypt. Dr O. M. Atwood would like very much to spend four years at Rio Janeiro, Brazil. Judge M. W Gibbs, of Arkansas, wants the Haytien Mission, but his claims are contested by Hon. J. M. Langston and John S. Durham. Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, a brilliant young man, is stirring things for assistant district attorney. Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback is slated for a good foreign mission, and will be relieved of anxiety at an early date. Mr. Pinchback is a gentleman of the old school, and a fine man to know. He would represent America with credit at any court. Of course Robert H. Terrell will be "in the swim," and a first-class appointment in which he can utilize his splendid legal abilities would suit him to a dot. Hon. John R. Lynch stands the best chances of any aspirant for the Fourth Auditorship of the Treasury. If experience, clean administration and efficient party service count for anything, Mr. Lynch ought to win in a walk. Lawyer E. M. Hewlett should, and probably will, adorn the police bench. He is one of the best equipped jurists in the District. Prof. R. T. Greener, a cultured and scholarly gentleman, will land in a snug berth. He was a tower of strength in the campaign, and managed the Chicago bureau to a genius' taste. Col. Perry H. Carson smiles serenely. He is well-fixed, but may have his eagle eye set on loftier heights. Editor E. E. Cooper has a "cinch" on an important post, but a promise to keep still forbids my telling about it now. Thus I may miss a neat "scoop" on the other fellows, but let that pass. Brother Cooper is deserving of the best in the state. If he doesn't get what he wants, the managers will show a criminal lack of appreciation for the sacrifices and hardships attendant upon the regular publication of a first-class Negro journal and aggressive party hustler. Dr. C. B. Purvis wants to superintend Freedmen's Hospital again. Dr D. H. Williams, however, is under civil service protection, and all applicants must stand a rigid examination in a score of "ologies" that I wouldn't undertake to remember. Secretary Bliss is highly pleased with the reforms instituted by Dr. Williams, and is disinclined to consider any early change at the Hospital. An examination for applicants is announced for the latter part of this month. As there can be no restriction as to color in this contest, there would be "a state of things" if some white man should carry off the prize. No danger is apprehended, however, as the policy of Mr. Bliss will be to keep the Hospital in the hands of the colored people, as he recognizes the fact that the institution is peculiarly theirs. Other candidates are Drs. John R. Francis and F. J. Shadd, of Washington; Dr. R. F Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. A. M. Curtis of of Chicago. It is understood that, for the present, no change is contemplated.

THE IMPERTURBABLE RECORDER OF DEEDS.

Amid all this hurly-burly and confusion of tongues, the coolest and most imperturbable individual in town is the Recorder of Deeds, Col. C. H. J. Taylor. He is a happy combination of "Mr. Pickwick," "Wilkins Micawber," "Mark Tapley" and that other delightful creation of the fertile Dicken's mind, "Joey Bagstock," who was so "devilish sly." Roll them all into one and imagine the composite result. Seriously, Mr. Taylor is a man of remarkable finesse, and possesses inexhaustible political resources. No one need be surprised at results when he sets his head upon the accomplishment of a purpose. What his plans may be, his most intimate friends can only guess. In any event, he can be depended upon, like the agile kitten, to land upon his feet every time. Mr. Taylor has conducted the office of Recorder of Deeds to the satisfaction of the people, and the President will treat the incumbent just as he does the postmaster, marshall, register of wills and other district officials. The prospects of a change before the expiration of the regular term, are very remote This comes from an authority close to the Presidential throne.

THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

For utter nonsense, inane drivel, and the veriest rot, I commend that portion of last week's Washington letter which essayed to deal with the civil service problem. Men with grievances to air or personal axes to grind ought not to pretend to contribute news letters to reputable journals. The colored people here, with the exception of incompetents who realized their weakness in the three R's, are in favor of civil service reform. The only plan by which Washington can cease to be a big boarding house and become a city of houses with a permanent population, is through an honest enforcement of the civil service law. The daily papers have long advocated the system in the interest of business and municipal growth. The President has endorsed it. The heads of departments say it is a good thing. Congressmen testify that their trials are reduced nine-tenths under its operation. The educated colored man is profiting by the civil service law by winning places by merit that he could not hope to secure by favor. The minor laborer jobs are not classified, and the uneducated have the chances they have always enjoyed. In this city, where office-seeking is a perennial occupation, not one colored man of repute has gone on record in the public prints against civil service reform. Not a member of the Cabinet, from Secretary Gage down has uttered a word derogatory to the merit system, but on the contrary they have given it their unqualified approval. Civil service examinations keep no well-equipped men out of the government service, and none others should be in it in positions of responsibility. Ordinarily, public office is not a party spoil—to be dealt out indiscriminately by party leaders for personal services rendered. The government belongs to the whole people. Posts of a confidential and administrative nature should be controlled by the party in power, as a matter of course, but the minor offices are purely routine, and should be filled by the fittest person, after due competition. This gives all classes a chance to participate in the affairs of government in proportion to their demonstrated fitness. This is a big question, but why say more; civil service reform is here to stay. It will have its opposers, like every other reform, but the conservative people are for it, and their will is like the swell of the ocean. It cannot be repressed

SOMEWHAT PERSONAL.

I must doff my chapeau in acknowledgment of the fragrant boquet of American Beauty roses shied at me last week by our good friend, Dr. M. A. Majors, of Decatur, Ill. Acknowledgments are also due "B. Square," Prof. Cuney, "Iago," "X-Ray," and various gentlemen of the press, who have been kind enough to say some very complimentary things concerning my humble efforts. They shall not be forgotten. Cheering words inscribed where the living eye may see them, possess a sweeter signifiance than eulogies graven upon monuments. Our hearts are thrilled and made happier by them. Please accept assurances, etc.

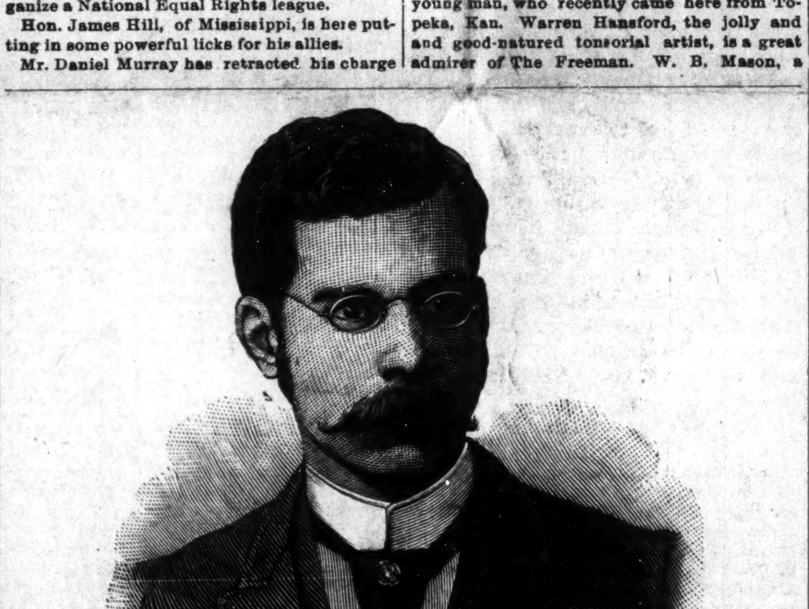
NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Some wise men have refrained from coming to Washington to press their claims.

Congressman Murray is endeavoring to organize a National Equal Rights league.

Hon. James Hill, of Mississippi, is here putting in some powerful licks for his allies.

Mr. Daniel Murray has retracted his charge against Prof. J. M. Gregory, and the $50,000 damage suit has been withdrawn.



HON. JOHN S. DURHAM,
Of Pennsylvania, who desires to represent the United States in Hayti.

The colored factions here must "get together," just as white men are compelled to do, if they hope to make any decent showing.

Hon. N. W. Cuney, the Texas leader, is expected in the city soon. It is reported that he is to resume his old place as collector of the port of Galveston.

From present indications the race will soon have two colored naval cadets at Annapolis. Congressmen White, of North Carolina, and Shattuc, of Ohio, have agreed to recommend young colored men.

St. Luke's Men's Guild have a "Press and People's symposium" underlined. Revs. W. A. Creditt, A. P. Miller, and Messrs. E. E. Cooper and R. W. Thompson will present the leading features of the discussion.

Prof. L. M. Hershaw is making a splendid record as president of Bethel literary society. The quality of speakers presented and the high character of the audiences have never been excelled in the history of the organization.

Senator C. W. Fairbanks and Congressman Jesse Overstreet, of Indianapolis, are much sought for men in these troublous times. They give every comer a cordial reception, and would cheerfully hand over an office to each—if they just had enough to go around.

Mr. W. T. Menard, son of the late Ex-Congressman J. Willis Menard, of Florida, is writing some excellent matter these days for the Colored American, under the caption of "Sharps and Flats." Mr. Menard is a brilliant young man, an experienced journalist, a skilled typo and is destined to make a lasting impression upon his generation.

Mrs. A. M. Curtis, of Chicago, has returned home for a few days. She will shortly take a desk in the headquarters of the Republican national committee here under the direction of Secretary Dick. Mrs. Curtis is a lady of culture, intelligence and rare political sagacity. She was a prominent factor on the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair, and did much to promote the interest of the colored people in a business and social way.

Mr. A. E. Manning, editor and manager of the Indianapolis World, was in town last week enroute to Virginia to visit a sick relative. Mr. Manning was as handsome, hearty and debonair as in former days when he was a factor in the gayeties of Washington, or later, when he came on prepared to stow away a Liberian commission in the inside pocket of his chinchilla. Mr. M. always views the world through rosy spectacles, and to him the future holds bright promises. He was treated royally by old friends here. R. W. Thompson.

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### Wedding Bells.

Carthage, Mo., Special.

Easter was observed at the Baptist church Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and pictures and presented a pretty appearance. Much credit is due the young ladies for the manner in which the church was decorated. The little folks rendered an excellent program, after which each person received an egg. Grant Grammar, a prosperous young man, is superintendent of the school, and fills the position with credit. The young people have also organized a choir, and made their first appearance Sunday. It is composed of some of the best local talent in the city, among whom are Mrs. Anna Steward and Miss Gertrude Adams; Mrs. Ada B. Mason is organist. The choir will sing every Sunday evening at services Rev. Berry has been called to pastor the church of this city. He is a clear, forcible speaker. A series of entertainments for the benefit of the church, which is in debt, will soon be given. Howard Clark, who recently came here from Independence, Kan. has become a member of the band. Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Pearl Jackson tol Henry Wadlington a prosperous young man, who recently came here from Topeka, Kan. Warren Hansford, the jolly and and good-natured tonsorial artist, is a great admirer of The Freeman. W. B. Mason, a prominent man of this city, is due much credit for the interest he takes in the young Afro-Americans. He recently came here from the South. Master Oliver Adams late of the Piccanniny Minstrel is quite a songster. His singing and funny sayings are splendid. John Brooks spent Sunday at Galena, Kan. He is a great reader of The Freeman. Fred Blair, the bicycle instructor for Peebles Cycle Co., will soon take steps to organize a Bicycle Club here. The Freeman is getting a strong hold in Carthage.

### Church News Notes.

Mobile, Ala, Special.

A revival wave has struck our city and many persons are being converted Mrs. Taylor, the woman evangelist of the Kentucky Annual Conference is in the city conducting a revival at State street A M. E. Zion church. Rev. S. M. Fisher, the well known evangelist of Arkansas is at Franklin street Baptist church. Last Sabbath the 11th inst., was grand rally day at State street A. M. E. Zion church. It was a financial success, the collection for that day was $800. Rev. Jno. F. Moreland, the pastor has done a great work since he has been in Mobile. His rally on the 11th inst., excelled any rally that has ever been in Mobile among white or colored.

### Easter Services.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Easter services at the A. M. E. church Sunday was grand. The Sunday school exercises at 3 p. m., by the children were good. At 7:30 there was a very interesting program consisting of papers and recitations. Messrs. Sherman Kees and Harry Brown of Ft. Wayne, spent Sunday in the city. Harry and Otto Parker, the little sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Parker have been very sick. Janett Jones started to school again last week. Sereter Wilson is on the sick list. Messrs. Ed Russell and John Turner have accepted positions in Harris and Jones barber shop. Joseph Malone spent Easter with relatives in Terre Haute, Ind. Joseph Malone has put in a new two chair barber shop on Broadway at his old stand.

## THE WORLD AT LARGE

### EDWARD ELMORE BROCK'S COMMENTS ON THE TOPICS

And Doings of the Day From his Point of View—About a Little Brooklyn Affair That is Creating Somewhat of a Stir.

> "Which way the subject theme may gang,
> Let chance or time determine
> Perhaps it may turn out a song,
> Or probably a sermon."

The controversy in the Brooklyn Board of Education, for and against the retention of Principal Charles A. Dorsey of public school No. 67, and to dismiss at one stroke, all its teachers, has it seems, stirred up quite a hornets nest. Mr. Samuel R. Scottron of the local committee of school No. 67, and the only colored member of the board of education, offered the resolution to the board to drop Mr. Dorsey from the pay roll. The resolution further states, that while the school was getting smaller as regarded the number of pupils, it was "abnormally expensive, and had not graduated a single pupil at the February commencement; also that the teaching was weak and the principal's work defective in many particulars." It is still further shown that there had been only eighteen graduates from the school in ten years.

Now, there are two ways of looking at the situation—below and above the surface, from a fair and square, and from a prejudicial standpoint. As Mr. Dorsey is a colored man and Mr. Scottron also a colored man, many look upon the affair as some personal grudge or grievience that Mr. Scottron might have against Mr. Dorsey and had taken this opportunity of getting even. The writer of these paragraphs, knowing neither gentleman personally, will endeavor to offer his deductions upon the affair in a fair and square way. First with all due respect to the committee that arranged the entertainment in behalf of Mr. Dorsey, by the way of showing their appreciation and to congratulate him on his thirty years of educational service.—And yet, still, it as Mr. Scottron states in his report to the board that Mr. Dorsey is incompetent why should we as a people who are seeking for intellectual advancement gloryfy in it by way of a public demonstration any more than we would for a murderer or a thief who was about to be sentenced for their crimes, simply because they were of our race.

Incompetency says Webster: "Is the quality or state or being incompetent; want of intellectual or moral ability." Now the question arises. Is principal Charles A. Dorsey incompetent? Surely if as principal of the school, assisted by a suposedly able corps of teachers, it certainly looks feasible that there should be one, two, or more at least graduates at each commencement, or else there is something defective—a screw loose somewhere. If a carpenter or a builder is constructing a house, or any piece of work and he finds that a bolt or screw works loosely, he knows that if the work is left in that manner it will naturally be unsound and rickety, so of course he takes the screw or bolt out and replaces it with one that will make it more secure Why then should the same tactics not be as applicable as regards the teacher or principal of a school. He or she is placed in his or her position and paid a salary to train the mind, and when they fail to carry out their part of the contract then something should be done and done quickly. To the Negro child, education is of paramount importance, for by and only by mental development will he ever be able to cope successfully with his brothers and sisters of fairer skins. And then again, for what was Mr. Scottron given the appointment in the board? Was it merely to act as a figure head and to sit with eyes blindfolded to the incompetency and incapabilities of the teachers and principal of a colored school, because he too happened to be of that race? Surely incompetency should not be hidden under a bushel, or overlooked under any consideration whether he be black, or white. Right must, and will always triumph over wrong. Justice where justice is due.

Personally the writer of these comments is not in favor of separate schools, any more than he is of separate churches, amusement places, restaurants, railroad cars and etc. He believes that the race has a problem to solve and that it can never be solved so long as we are willing to have ourselves ostracized from the Caucasion race. The nearer we cling to them the more devoted we are to them, the dearer we become to them. And in no other place save that of the school room can this be brought about. Here the first link is attached in infancy and as they grow up together link after link is added until at last the chain is so interwoven that parents, no matter how prejudiced they be themselves cannot snap the chain entwain. There is a certain case that comes up fresh before me at this very moment that I think will serve to illustrate the point. In the same office with me there is a young clerk who had a brother attending Harvard University, at which time there was a colored student in attendance. A strong tie it seems grew up between these two during their Alma Mater and when they graduated the young man came on to New York and brought his colored chum with him. Not knowing that it was his intention to have the young colored man stop at their home, the clerk in the office asked me if I could not find him a nice, pleasant place with some respectable colored family. I told him I would; but when the young man arrived and found what his brothers intention were he became very indignant and said if his home was too good for his colored chum to stop in, it was also too good for him. Well, to cut a long story short, the young colored student not only stopped at his friends palatial home and ate at the same table with him; but to-day that same young man not only has the devoted friendship of his white chum, but by and through him is enjoying a lucrative position at a salary of $1500 per year. But then you will probably ask, if the colored schools are to be abolished what is to become of our colored teachers? I can only answer this question by saying that too the greatest number must the real benefit come. If we cannot have both now, let us have the one and hope for the future to right the other. For if we can cement the ties of union and love between our children and theirs in the school-room, surely that generation will not be averse to having their children taught in the future by a colored teacher. Well that's my theory, and of course I do not expect everybody to agree with my speculations, for one man's guessing is as good as anothers when it comes to prophecy, and as I am only one speck in the firmament, I am not the universe you see, neither am I infallible. Edward Elmore Brock,

P. S.—At the last meeting of the board, a resolution in the principals and school's favor was offered, but owing to the lateness of the hour was not adopted, and so was carried over to the May meeting. In the meantime Mr. Dorsey to assuage his wounded feelings against Mr. Scottron, through his attorney T. McCants Stewart, has brought suit for $50,000. And thus the merry war is to be continued, while we anxiously await future developments. E. E. B.

### Keokuk News Notes.

Keokuk, Iowa, Special.

Rev. F. L. Smith conducted services at the First Baptist church, Sunday April 11. Mr. Del Foster went to Ft. Madison, on business Wednesday, April 14. Gus Williams, of LaHarpe, Ill., passed through the city April 13. High Cynthians Lyceum rendered a short program April 13:—Duet by Misses Josie Bush and Maud Jefferson; Oration by Miss Jeanette Jefferson; Instrumental solo by Miss Carrie Smith. The funeral of Sanford, the little son of Mr and Mrs. Isaac Johnson, occurred at the family home on 11th and High streets April 14. Douglass Lyceum gave a debate Tuesday evening April 14. Subject: "Is a lawyer justifiable in clearing a man when he knows he is guilty?" Affirmative, Messrs. Young and Singleton; Negative, Messrs. Fox and Cross. Judges Mrs. Woodward Holmes and Miss Draine. Judges returned verdict in favor of the affirmative. W. M. Mott went to Monticello on business.

Rev. Chavis of Quincy, was in the city during the week. Mrs. Lyda Montgomery went to Denver, Col., the 14th. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Vaughn of New Mexico, visited relatives here last week. Dolphus Fossey is in Ft. Madison. Ed Scott and Floyd Robertson spent Easter in Burlington. Little Margurite, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ashby, died on the 15th of bronchitis, aged 22 months, 5 days. Remains were interred at Canton. Harry S. Johnson left the 10th for Denver, Col.

Mrs. Fishby's mother spent the week with her. Easter exercises were held at Bethel church Sunday and was largely attended. Easter day exercises were held at St. Mary's Episcopal church Sunday. Mr. John Hender- spent Sunday in Quincy. Mr. Whalen Green served ice cream Friday evening April 16th at the U. K. T. hall for the benefit of the Young Men's Taborian Club. Every lady present enjoyed themselves. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Green for his courtesy to the club.

### Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Easter services were well attended at both the A. M. E. and Second Baptist churches. They both rendered interesting programs; the essays which were rendered by Mrs. White, Miss Scott and others were very creditably rendered, and showed that we have some women of thought in our midst. A "John M. Langston Political club" has been organized with W. H. Stokes, president, and S. W. Lambkins, secretary. Harvey Phillips has returned from an extended visit through Ohio. Ezra Winslow is the new organist at the Second Baptist church. E. Rickman "took in" the Louisville excursion Easter Sunday. Master Harry Valentine received first prize for collecting the most Easter money. Miss Mayme Tally, of Illinois, is now a resident of Muncie. The Eagle band will give a grand ball in Franklin hall, April 26. The members of King Solemons Temple gave an entertainment at their hall April 20. W. H. Barclay and Robt. Nidy went awheel to Anderson last Sunday. Harry Adams is quite sick. Foster Fry spent Sunday in Louisville. Miss Ferguson, of Connersville, spent Sunday in this city the guest of Mrs Geo. Gilmore.

### The Easter Service

Hamilton, O., Special.

The Easter services at the A. M E. church were very interesting. The church was nicely decorated with flowers. The singing by the choir was certainly fine and the anthems, solos and trios were grand. Hamilton boasts of having the best choir in the district. The sermon on the resurrection by Rev. Coleman was logical and pointed. Rev. Coleman is an able minister. He is doing a good work. The exercises for the children took place in the evening and an excellent prepared program was rendered. The singing of the birds and the decoration added much to the occasion. A handsome sum was realized. Mr. F. Hendricks of Walnut Hills, O., visited here Sunday. Mrs. M. Conway of Cincinnati, is visiting here. An egg breaking concert was given at Payne Chapel A. M. E. church Monday evening. Miss N. Settles spent last Sunday at Middletown, O., visiting friends.

## RACE MAGNANIMITY.

### Indifference to the Welfare of Others—Race Leaders Charged with Being Mere Money Getters.

Holly Grove, Ark., Special.

The indifference manifested in the interest of flood sufferers in the delta, by the race generally, and the heads of our race organizations, both secular and religious, is causing unfavorable comment throughout this country, especially by those who are not very kindly disposed toward us. It is a fact (so stated by our enemies) that the many thousands of dollars contributed by a generous public for the relief of flood sufferers, that the race has opened its heart and given a very small per cent, according to its numerical strength and financial ability. Negro journals have contented themselves with giving very meagre accounts of the awful catastrophe. Negro leaders have made but little effort in arousing an interest in behalf of these sufferers. Negro church organs have said little or nothing along these lines. And it is a fact that our actions are carefully watched by the whites. Can it be possible that we are so oblivious to the suffering of our fellow man? Is it possible that we are living so wrapped up in ourselves that we forget our brethren in distress? How heartless and ungrateful to our heavenly Father. And we have more religion and boast of doing so much for the advancement of mankind. We are great reformers, we are agitators, we are moralists, we are indefatigable workers for God and fallen humanity, but our scoffers say we are only interested in the care and welfare of our fellowman where our individual interest is to be advanced. A prominent minister a few days ago showed us an appeal by one of the Bishops through one of their church organs in behalf of the flood sufferers, and asked, what are you colored people doing for your race in these flooded communities? I could say nothing. But he put the question again and with more force. I told him we were doing little. Now is it possible that those of our race who live in luxury and affluence, who have been blessed with a sufficiency of this world's goods to make them above dependence, I say is it possible that these leaders, both in and out of the church, are careless as to the suffering of their fellowman? Or are they so narrow hearted, stingy and selfish with their abundance of what the Lord has given them that they do not care who dies so they live? Away with a religion that cannot open my heart and pocket book at the same time. Away with a religion that consists all in shouting. Away with a religion that prompts me to tell others how to do to get to heaven and advance along intellectual lines, but does not teach me to do unto others as I would have them do unto me. And away with a religion that does not soften the heart and cause tears of sympathy to well to the eyes at the sight of the suffering of my fellowman. How ashamed I have felt when standing by I have seen the white people vieing with each other in giving to the relief of these sufferers, what an ineffable blessing I have experienced in giving my last dime to some poor sufferer who had lost their alls in the flood, and was then homeless and without means even to buy something to eat. Around me on every side here are the poor and needy and through the mediation of a divine God, they are being fed and taken care of. But what is the race doing in their behalf? We read in the daily press a few days ago of a town not a thousand miles from the flood, with a population of six thousand inhabitants, and one-third of them colored. This town raised $1,800 for the flood sufferers, and the colored population gave just $98.35 of this amount. This, of course was the extent of the race's magnanimity. If there is no extenuation of circumstances while our people are crying for bread in these vallies of sorrow, what will be the outcome? So exacting is man of man, so unconcerned are we of others' interest that to-day we are the cynosure of the world, and the cut of criticism and ridicule. Our leading ministers, our bishops of all denominations and sects make a great bluster and blow from a religious stand; our secular leaders, politicians, etc., are very interested in the welfare of the dear people until they get a splendid position. The minister, the bishop and the different churchmen talk mightily about their prospects of heaven, and the educational and moral advancement of the race, but 90 per cent. of this bluster and agitation is all talk and well paid for. How many of the twenty odd bishops of the Negro race have made it their business to make a special appeal in behalf of the thousands of destitute christians in these deltas? How many of the laymen and eminent divines of the race who subsist on fabulous salaries and are cared for by hundreds of members, we say, how many of them have made the sacrifice of a single dollar, or taken up a special collection for these destitute people? We dare say that they may be counted on one's fingers. We do not thus assail our leaders in a spirit of malignity, far from it, but we would if we could, obviate the impression extant that our leaders, preachers and teachers are mere money getters and too careless of the interest of others. The whites charge the Negroes with being ungrateful and selfish. Are we substantiating these charges, or are we proving them false? As a solution to the above interrogation, let us look around and see how many Negro philanthropist there are among us; how many thousand dollars have been given by wealthy Negroes of this country to our schools and colleges outside of Bishop Payne? How many wealthy Negroes have ever endowed a school after death? Many of our great men make sacrifice of time and talent in advancement of the race's interest, but they are mostly well paid in the end. God help us to do more religion and talk less. God help us to remember those of our fellowmen less fortunate than we with a spirit of christianity, and the harvest of eternal rest will be sweeter bye and bye.

### A New Organization.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Afro American International Railroad Industrial Association, a new organization will leave no means undone to better the condition of the world and race. The following are the officers, J. E. Lewis, president; Oliver Lee, first vice president; H T. Richardson, second vice president; J. H. Price, fourth vice president: J. Bennett, grand secretary; M. G. Rutledge, financial secretary, G. W. Lambert, ass't secretary; Dr. G. H. Hall, medical examiner and J. Mason present office 7030 Wallace street, Chicago, Ill. Miss Nannie B. Hill of Lexington, Ky., will be in Chicago on a visit soon. The Mistletoe club gave their first grandparty and banquet Friday the 23rd. It was one of the grandest parties ever given in parlors by colored people. The table was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreen. Popular ladies and gents of this city will participate in the festivities.

### Shelbyville Snap Shaps.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

W. A. Thompson is at home spending a few days vacation. He will graduate from the colledge department of Roger Williams university in May. S. C. Rainey has been elected principal of the pike school. The annual teachers institute will be conducted this year by Prof. J. C. McAdams assisted by Mrs. Mary J. Anderson. The choral class made its appearance last Sunday morning at the Baptist church and made a favorable impression. It will sing at the morning services. The annual Easter sermon will be preached, to the the Immaculates by Rev. J. W. Richmond the popular pastor of the M. E. church. Miss Mary Burt was buried last Friday. Mr. Louis Wally of Nashville is here visiting his parents. Rev. R. A. Hill has recovered from his recent illness. Johnie Cartwright is still dangerously sick. Sadie Coldwell, has been quite sick but is now better. C. J. Thompson has bought the old work house and will at once erect a substantial business house, in which he will resume business.

### Clarksville News Notes.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mr. Frank Drane a well known citizen died at his home in this city on April 8th. Mr. Drane was a well respected man, having been employed for several years in H. Dunlop's factory. The funeral was preached by Rev. H Metcalf. Mr. Henry Cross, well known about town as a rock beater, died in this city recently. Mr. Howard Sylvia has regained his health and is still at his post at Wm. Buck's barber shop. Messrs. Smith and Dabney have opened up on Second street, with a full line of undertakers supplies. The pupils of the colored high school have prepared excellent gifts for the Centennial. The Clarksville brass band has obtained some expensive and fine music which they intended to render to the Centennial goers.

### The Cyclone Raged.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

At the Second Baptist church last Friday night a "Cyclone" entertainment took place. A large crowd was present. A clothes line laden with tinware was stretched across the church. At 10:45 the lights went out and the scramble began. Miss Nora Roberts and Dora James are visiting in Indianapolis. Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox of Indianapolis will give an entertainment in behalf of Wayman A. M. E. chapel April 28. Mr. Christy is taking the city school enumeration. Edward Gaskin and Ollie Bradley went to Benton Harbor, Mich. The Ladies Mite Missionary Society gave a pink tea social at the home of Mrs. Jane Gaskin.

### Traveling Missionary Present.

Shelby, N. C. Special,

Rev. G. T. Dillard, D. D., a traveling missionary of Columbia, S. C., preached at Shelby Mission Presbyterian church Tuesday evening the 6th ult. He preached an excellent sermon from Luke 5th chapter 5th verse. He visited Graded School and gave an address. The doctor was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilson. Christian Endeavor song service will be held at the Presbyterian church every Sunday at 4:30 p. m., conducted by Wm. T. Wilson. All are cordially invited to attend. Rev. A. L. Martin is conducting a series of meetings at Zion church.

## RACE GLEANINGS.

The students of the school for colored children at Tuskegee, Ala., have made a million bricks during the present year.

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The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial school will have an exhibit at the Tennessee Centenial Exposition.

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Miss Pauline Morrow, of Littig, Tex., has passed the state examination in pharmacy and is the first colored girl to do so. She is a graduate of the pharmaceutical department of the Meharry Medical College, of Nashville, Tenn.

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Gov. Tanner of Illinois has appointed a colored man, S. B. Turner, chief of the sample department in the State Grain Inspection office at Chicago. The salary is $1,350 per year.

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A quartette composed of two young women and two young men from Tuskegee Institute, has come North in the interest of the school.

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President McKinley, on March 17th, received a miniature electric yacht which was designed and fashioned by Sam'l E. Davis, New Orleans, La., one of the most skillful Negro mechanics in the South.

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Congressman Shattuc of Ohio, has nominated D. J. Bundy, a colored lad of Cincinnati, to a cadetship at Annapolis. He has been urged to withdraw the name, but says he will stand by the appointment. There have been some murmurs of disapproval from the naval academy and threats of the students to resign. "The boy earned the appointment fairly," said Gen. Shattue. "There was a competitive examination and two colored lads, one of them Bundy, outstripped their Caucasian competitors. One of them, however, proved to be over twenty, and was, therefore, disbarred. I had told them the competition was open to every eligible boy in my district. Bundy, who won, is one of the handsomest boys I ever saw. I have sent his name to the secretary of the navy and he will be appointed. I have received no communications from the students at Annapolis on the subject, but several congressmen told me that it was an unwritten law not to allow a colored boy at Annapolis. They told me if I persisted it would break up the school, that other students would resign. 'Let them resign and be damned,' I replied. 'That boy earned his appointment fairly and I'm going to see that he goes to Annapolis and receives fair treatment if it is in my power to do so.'" Gen. Shattuc says if the lad is willing to subject himself to the humiliation he will naturally encounter at Annapolis owing to his color, he (Shattue) will see him through. Gen. Shattuc says he has been informed that on colored boy ever took a degree at the naval academy. Gen. Shattuc says he has 75,000 Negroes in his district.

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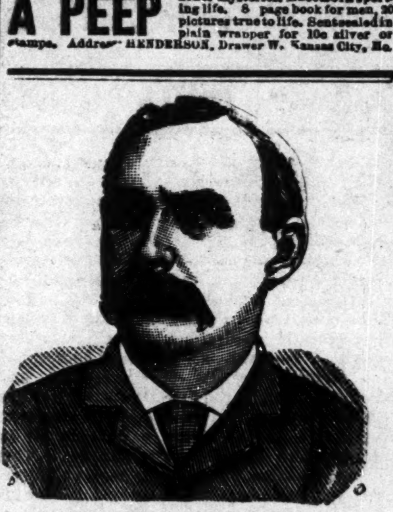

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
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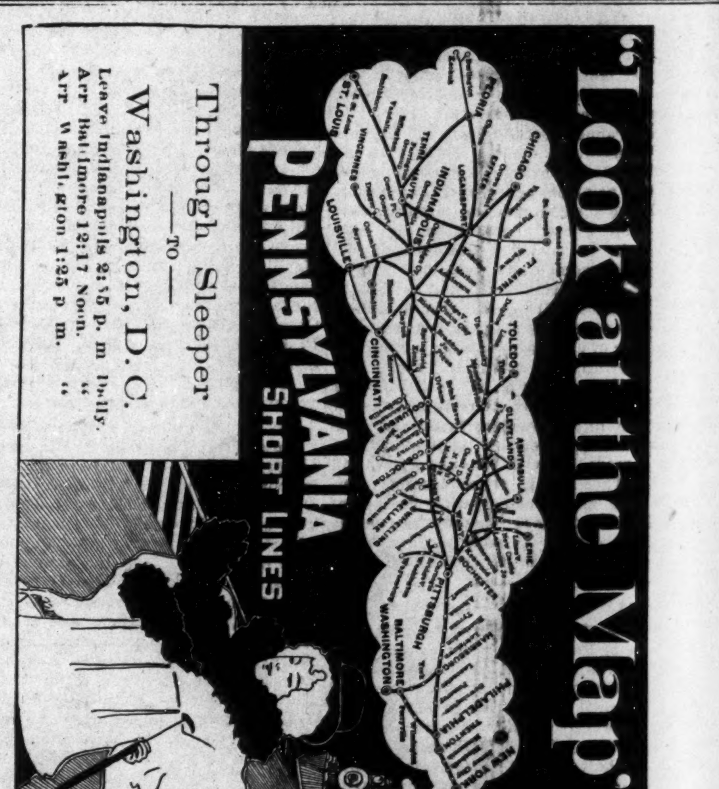

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## B. Square's Bluster.

It is with the deepest kind of deep regret, I notice by his recent articles in The Freeman, that Bro. R. W. Thompson is drifting towards the dangerous shoals of "puffery." The usefulness of many a young newspaper writer has been dashed in pieces upon the rock of "puff." They puffed the Hon. Tom, Prof. Dick and Mr. Harry. They magnified their virtues and passed in silence over the natural shortcomings of these "great" men. I do not wish to be misunderstood. All great, eminent, and distinguished persons have every day faults and imperfections—we are none perfect—I do not want to have these faults paraded before the public, neither would I have the subjects appear before the public as perfect in their line or profession or natural makeup, when they are decidedly not.

I am forced to admit that there is more truth than imagination in old Uncle Noah Baxter's left-handed philosophical letter, when he says we are all the time "shaking hands with ourselves." We newspaper writers puff distinguished (and other) personages too much by far.

A may be a great writer, whose stammering tongue may cause him to be a painful bore at an evening party or dinner. It is therefore wrong, in fact a lie for Quilldriver, the New York correspondent of the National Afro-American Fog Horn to say in his weekly letter that "The silver-tongued orator and famous writer, Prof. A, entertained the company and held them spell-bound, with several up-to-date after dinner new jokes and speeches, which he delivered in a clear, ringing eloquent voice." B may be a successful business man of money, who would not give a cent for any worthy charity or entertainment unless given as an advertisement from which he either knew or expected he would get 100 per. cent returns. It would therefore be a plain falsehood to puff him thus: "Our distinguished townsman B, Esq., who is one of the leading merchants of our city, and who is known far and near, at home and abroad for his benevolence, set the noble example last Wednesday night at the benefit given to old Mother Jones, by freely opening his purse strings to the amount of $10, with no other object in view than to help the old lady." C may be a refined gentleman of very repulsive looks; he can't help his looks; he was born that way. Still, why should we newspaper men lie and say: "The evening passed off dull at Mrs. Hightone's blue tea until 9:59 o'clock, when the pleasant face of Mr. C brought sunshine to the assemblage," and so on down the line. Don't flatter, don't puff, don't use soft soap, boys.

Dr. J. M. Henderson is the only Negro writer, (beg pardon, I am trying hard to follow in his foot-teps) who is a fearless penman. He cares not for men. "Principles, not men, but men as the representatives of principles" seems to be the good doctor's motto. Did you ever hear of Dr. Henderson speaking of an imperfect man—from bishop to layman—as being perfect? Well, I guess not. Turn over your file of last year's Freeman and read his articles about the distinguished members of the A. M. E. church. We need more fearless writers of the Henderson type.

Speaking of fearless writers, Uncle Noah Baxter is too fearless. Who was it that said: "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread?" "Pop" Baxter rushes into the columns of The Freeman with both eyes "shot." He does not see the up-to-date advancements the race is making poor old Pop Baxter!

To return to the subject: I know a distinguished lawyer of your race who is away up in his profession and has scores of white clients and lots of this world's goods. He is, however, a trickster of the deepest dye, a dishonest man, a false friend and a liar. I often see him puffed in the Afro-American newspapers as a perfect man, a gentleman, (he is sometimes) a scholar (which he is not) and a judge of good—good what-do-you-call-it perhaps he is a judge of that, but I know that he is not a good judge of anything else, save a good paying law case.

My great and good friend, Dr. M. A. Majors, is troubled in mind about race leaders and the "greatness" of Booker T. Washington. He seems to think that since the death of the Hon. Frederick Douglass there is no great Negro. Well, perhaps, he is right, but it is a fact that Washington is the best known living Negro and will live in history after all the Timothys, Thomases, Dicks and Harrys are dead and "numbered with the things that was." The Negro of to-day is not capable of judging of Negro greatness. If he considers himself "great" and is forced to secretly admit that some other Negro, Timothy, Tom, Dick or Harry can do something he cannot do, he at once says the other Negro is a great man. Some of The Freeman's readers think that Uncle Noah Baxter is "the greatest Negro living." By the way, Bro. Majors, what is greatness?

B. SQUARE.

### Inter-State Exposition.

When on January 1, 1863, the immortal Abraham Lincoln in his Emancipation Proclamation said: "I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated states and parts of states are and henceforth shall be free," he announced a new era for the Negro in America. Our condition at that time was deplorable, our hope flickering, and our environment hostile, but the scant lapse of a third of a century finds such an unparalleled change and growth that history is vainly questioned to find a precedent for so much accomplished with so little, and still with so much of this growth apparent a still greater amount is unknown to the outer world by reason of the absence of adequate opportunity to exhibit it. Colleges, theological seminaries, professional schools and industrial institutions by the score attests our intellectual advancement, an aggregate wealth of nearly $400,000,000 indicates our material growth. Representative men in high governmental position, judicial and legislative, shows how we have learned the arts of civic life; 22,000 teachers show to what use much of our intellectual strength is being put; many useful and curious inventions shown in the United States Patent office speak of the fertility of mind that has made the civilization of this day the greatest in the world's history. But these facts are not generally, and at best, are but imperfectly known. A just pride in these achievements requires that we should now take steps commensurate with our numbers and advancement to set before the world, both at home and abroad specific, practical and tangible evidences of these assertions, and that we should show by self-managed enterprise that in bringing together these evidences we are not behind in those business qualities of management, judgment, and ability to carry responsibility which are the supreme tests of social efficiency and capacity. In furtherance of these purposes, therefore, we hereby issue the following call to the Afro-Americans of all the states: The Afro-American Fair and Inter-State Exposition, chartered under the laws of Texas and located in Houston, Tex., is now fully organized and ready for business. The Texas Legislature, both House and Senate, have unanimously endorsed it, and the attention of Congress has been called to it. The time is now ripe for complete organization in the several states of the United States.

We therefore call upon and request our people in every state in the Union to call meetings and organize auxilliary committees for the purpose of working up an interest and seeing that each state is well and creditably represented by appropriated exhibits. The Fair will open in the fall of 1898, and will be the first exclusively Afro-American Exposition of National scope in the history of America. Abundant capital, by appropriation and subscription, will be avalable. Ladies are especially requested to organize. As soon as an organization is effected, report the fact, with names of officers to the General secretary F. I. Richardson, Houston, Tex., who will from time to time send you each circular matter as will be necessary for your guidance and information. It is hoped that prompt and enthusiastic action under this call will be taken. Correspondence with the secretary F. I. Richardson, is invited. Abraham Grant, president, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ed. Banks, vice-president, Houston, Tex.; F. I. Richardson, secretary, Houston, Tex.; M. H. Hubert, treasurer, Houston, Tex.; H. C. Ferguson, Gen'l manager, Houston, Tex.; H. Taylor, chairman financial committee, Houston, Tex.; H. T. Kealing, chief of promotion and publicity, Philadelphia, Pa.

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### Literary Exercises.

Hope, Ark., Special.

We always welcome The Freeman as a lively visitor. Business is dull, but every body is in great hopes. Rev. Dennis is conducting a series of meeting at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Reeves is putting forth many efforts to raise money in order to rebuild. D. J. Jackson went to Texarkana last Friday to be examined for a position in the Government Department. Public school will close soon, and the teachers are preparing for closing exercises. Following is the program for the Literary Society next Monday evening: Opening exercises by chaplain; address by H. S. Shaw, subject "The mind as a factor;" duett by Misses Hattie Hester and Hattie Poindexter; paper, "The relation of the flora and fauna" by Miss Mollie H. Stephenson; discussion, "Resolved, That the future prospects of the Negro is bright; affirmative, J. W. Welch, Grant Scott and A. W Clark; negative, W. R. Jackson, G. R. Oates and H. W. Trimble. The Silver Leaf Club will give a new entertainment at the Baptist church next Friday and Saturday nights. Mrs. Laura Jackson, president; Miss Julia Jackson, secretary.

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### Association Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., July 6-7-Big Four Route.

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## WOMAN'S WAYS.

I hate just like the mischief to wake up at dead o' night,
When other folks is sleepin', 'n' I try with all my might
To drop into a doze ag,in; but somehow it appears
At sech times, like my senses all 've moved into my ears.

It's absolutely cur'ous how the rustlin' o' the leaves,
Or the sighin' 'n' the whisperin' o' the wind around the eaves,
Will sound to me like voices—though I know it jest can't be—
Like strange, uncanny voices callin' specially to me.

My thoughts take up the rhythm o' the drippin', sobbin' rain;
'N' I listen to my rosebush tappin', tappin' 'gainst the pane,
Like bare 'n' ghostly finger-tips a knockin' to come in—
Jest tap, 'n' tap, 'n' stop a while, then tap, 'n' tap ag'in!

The shadders in the corners even seem to take on eyes,
'N' stare, 'n' blink, 'n' glare at me, like black, unearthly spies.
My nerves git all be-flustered 'n' my courage sort o sinks,
'N' my thinker gits a-goin' 'n' jest thinks, 'n' thinks.

There's somethin' right down awful 'bout a feller's thoughts at night,
When his conscience gits to naggin' ,n' drags out before his sight
All the skeletons o' mean things that he's said 'n' done 'n' thought,
'N' the weepin' wraiths o' good things that he hain't done when he ought.

I' most believe that Satan out the pattern for his blaze
From the torments that a mortal kin endure between two days,
When his conscience mounts its high horse, ,n' his courage sinks, 'n' sinks,
'N' his thinker gits a-goin' 'n' jest thinks, 'n' think 'n' thinks!

—Carrie Blake Morgan.

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Do not talk of your own or your neighbors' sufferings at meals. Never talk of your troubles unless to some one who can help you with them, but above all, do not eat and drink them.

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It is not enough that one possess a talens. It languishes like a morning-glory at noon-day, unless accompanied by the characteristics which develop it. Unity of purpose, ambition' courage and industry must go with the gift. These qualities can even take, as they have sometimes been made to take, the place of heaven-born talent but will never bring success unless backed by these qualities.

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It is to be regretted that so few "intelligent people" think for themselves. In bringing up their children they adopt the plan of their parents, without questioning whether there may not be a better one. If a boy accidentally gets his clothes wet and dirty, he is punished by being sent to bed, say at noon, there to spend his time in idleness and perhaps evil thoughts. If he tells a lie or takes what is not his own, he must be thrashed. Here, again, we see the tendency to blindly follow antiquated precepts. Solomon said: "He that spareth the rod hateth his son;" so Christian parents must thrash their children! Flogging in the army had such a "brutalizing and degrading" effect that it was stopped. In children, all physical chastisement has a brutal and degrading effect, and never, under any circumstances, excites the activity of the higher faculties, tends to love, duty, obedience or any goodness. It may, though fear, secure obedience for a time; but we come to hate what we fear, and the ultimate effect is the opposite of that desired.

### Eufaula Pickings.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

The colored people here are preparing to celebrate on the 28th of May. Bishop H. M. Turner of Atlanta, Ga., has been invited. The committee on arrangements are sparing no paines to make the occasion a grand one. Last Sabbath was quarterly meeting day at St. Lukes A. M. E. church. P. E., J. S. Shaw preached two able sermons. The Lord's supper was administered at the Methodist and Baptist churches last Sabbath night. Miss Amanda Gardner is quite sick. Easter services at St. Luke A. M. E. church Sunday. Rev. W. C. Banton, the pastor will preach at 11 o'clock, subject, "Resurrection of Christ." The exercises by the Sunday school will take place at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Amanda Threadcrapt is quite sick. Grand rally at St. Johns A. M. E. church the 4th Sunday in May. Rev. J. W. Jackson preached an able sermon last Sabbath at the Baptist church. The commencement of the Baptist Academy takes place the 20th of May. Prof. C. M. Wells, the principal is doing a good work in our midst. You can secure The Freeman each week from the agent W. H. Wallace.

### Death of a Prominent Citizen.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Rev. T. L. Smith conducted services at the First Baptist church Sunday morning the 4th. The death of E. Fossey, a highly respected young citizen, occurred at the family home, 1707 Bank street, April 6 of consumption. His funeral services were held at Pilgrim Rest Baptist church, Revs. T. L. Smith and T. H. Phillips officiating, under the auspices of the K. Ts. of which deceased was a member. A number of friends gave a surprise party in honor of Rev. S. S. Orange and wife on the 3rd. Wm. Brown of Clarinda, is visiting his parents here. T. Smith of Ft. Madison was in the city last week on business. Chas. Price of Chicago was in the city a few days ago on business. A. Kebo is home for a short visit. Mrs. Matilda Frazier gave a church tea the 14th for the benefit of the Ladies Auxilliary. A whist party was given last week at Mrs. C. Teabeau's in honor of Chas. Price of Chicago. First prize was won by Lewis Wilson; second by George Brannard; third by Mrs. O. Wilson. Refreshments were served. "Bud" and Eva Harper of Peoria, Ill., passed through the city the 6th enroute to Hannibal, Mo. They spent a few hours with their aunt, Mrs. Buckner. The Gate City Lodge will hold their annual Thanksgiving sermon, Sunday, April 25. C. H. Williams has returned from Baltimore, having been called by the illness of his daughter. Mrs. Mary Ellen Yates died at her home in Johnson street April 7th. She was a member of Adah Temple, No. 30 and S. M. T. Wisdom Temple No. 113. The funeral was held at the Pilgrim Rest church Sunday April 11th, and was largely attended. Revs. Orange and Phillips conducted the services. Mrs. K. Tillman is convalescent. Mrs. I. Johnson is on the sick list.

### BRYAN'S PAPER.

### The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after. For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse. I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo W. Hervy, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. Booklet free Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

### A Modern Way To Stop a Cough As Tried by a Prominent Iowa Minister.

In a recent letter he says: "Many winters have I coughed all winter long. Twice have I been compelled to rest from my ministerial duties, for a period of several years. When I took cold in winter the coughing would be intense. Last fall I took cold about the 15th of October, and was sick with it for about a week and began what I supposed was a winter of coughing. My wife called my attention to Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, and after much persuasion on her part, and a free expression (of a not flattering character) about patent medicines, on my part. I concluded to try the Lung Balm. I felt at once that it touched a place in my malady that nothing else had ever done. I began to improve. I used about 5 boxes and can now preach without coughing. I keep it by me and if I take cold I use it. If I have a bronchial irritation after preaching I take Dr. Kay's Lung Balm. I can cheerfully say that the Lung Balm has been a great help to me It has no bad effect upon the stomach. Respectfully yours, J. D. De Tar, Pastor M. E Church, Spring Hill, Iowa, Des Moines Conference." Sold by H. C. Pomeroy opp. post office.

### A Noble Work.

From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

There is no one in Omaha or vicinity who has not heard of Mr. N. J. Smith, founder of Rescue Home. He has for a number of years, devoted a large share of his time to the work of rescuing the fallen, furnishing aid to those in distress and helping in every way possible those in trouble. He has been in poor health for several years, but all will be pleased to learn that his health is now much better and he is able to take active charge of the mission work, to which he now devotes his entire time.

On January 1st, 1897, he writes as follows: "I have been troubled for several years with a bad cough. I had lung chills and slight hemorrhage of the lungs and was threatened with consumption. My mother and two sisters have died with consumption, I expected the same fate; but I tried Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, prepared by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., and two 25c boxes have entirely cured me of my cough and soreness of my lungs. That tired, sleepy and drowsy feeling is all gone and my appetite is now good. I feel well and full of life. I can work night and day and do not feel tired, Praise the Lord for the help it has given me. I write this hoping if any read it who are similarly afflicted and have been unable to get help from any other sources that they will try this excellent remedy, which I believe to be the best cough medicine of which I have any knowledge."

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## THE COLORED NAVAL CADET.

The prospect of the appointment of Richard C. Bundy, of Ohio, to the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, is creating quite a stir in political circles. It has been held that in the examination held at Madisonville, O., for the selection of cadets, that only Bundy and another colored youth, George Austin, succeeded in making the required per cent. Austin was ineligible owing to his age. It was understood that Congressman Shattuc had appointed Buddy and would stick to him, regardless of the howl that went up by way of protest at sending a colored person to Annapolis. It seems now that a new phase of the situation is presented. The Philadelphia Record contains this piece of news from Ohio:

> Congressman Shattuc's appointment of Richard C. Bundy, colored, to Annapolis, which has caused so much general comment, has a story behind it that detracts from the splendor of the Congressman's "resign and be blanked" attitude in defense of the colored people. After the examination for appointment had been held at Madisonville, O., it is said that Mr. Shattue wrote to a friend in Cincinnati declaring that none of the applicants had passed, and that another examination would be ordered. Then the colored people pricked up their ears. It is alledged that not only did Bundy pass, but also George Austin, another colored boy, who, however. was ineligible on account of his age. Colored politicians, friends of Bundy, took the matter up, declaring that the story that no one had passed was told so that the Congressman could get out of appointing a Negro. They communicated with Mr. Shattuc, who explained that he had been informed by one of the members of the Examining Board that no one had passed. He finally told the colored people that he would adjust the matter by selecting Bundy anyhow. Still the matter rested. The appointment was not made right away, and some of the colored people began to whet their political knives. Two weeks had elapsed when the word came that the appointment had been sent in. Mr. Shattuc has a very larpe colored constituency, which had decided to see that Bunday's color did not bar him. He has yet to pass the Naval Academy's examinations.

The inference to be gained by the above is that this appointment was forced on Congressman Shattuc. It may be true, but it is conclusive that there has been a deep misapprehension existing up until this time. The new version looks a little lame from its diametrical opposition to the first statement published concerning the matter. If the young man earned his appointment, he should have it; if not, political threats should not be the means of landing him. The records of the examination would settle the matter.

## PROTECTION.

Some people reason rather curiously; for instance, the New York Age says it stands for protection only as a revenue yielding device, or words to that effect, and not for the build up industries that are undermined by foreign competition. In discussing the late election which went against the Republicans, it tries to draw the cause from the present attitude of the party on the tariff question. It sets itself up in opposition to the principles pursued in governments that care first for its own. The theory of free trade, which opens its marts to the world, has had a trial to some extent in this country. Under the Wilson law the government not only has a growing deficit, but stagnation in the business world has steadily increased. The people were not buncoed in the national election. The Democrats were in such a bad way from the result of the lower tariff laws that no one thought seriously of the chances of the Democrats to elect a president until the new cry of free silver was heard and promptly recognized. It was the luckiest moment for the hopes of Democracy when Bryan imortalized himself and gave cause for the support of Democracy. The secession of Gold Democrats cut but little figure; it simply restored the probable results. If, then, under the last administration under the diminished tariff rates the country felt duty bound to repudiate the party responsible for the conditions, it is logical to conclude that the country expects to see those laws restored that produced abundant prosperity under the Harrison-McKinley regime. It is true that the Senate feels that it is a little government to itself and may in its "ampler" wisdom modify the measure before passing it. If it modifies it materily it will be through senatorial arrogance rather than public necessity, The House is close to the people, and it knows what they want. Public sentiment is with the Dingley bill as a rule. It is not possible to frame a measure that will suit all classes alike. The majority favor this bill and it is likely to be the new tariff regulations, sheared of a very few features.

In the sifting process incidental to a change of administrations, it is hoped that no direful consequences will befall our friend and whilom townsman, Mr. R. W. Thompson, now holding a responsible position in the government printing office at Washington, D. C. Reports indicate that Mr. Thompson is impressing his worth and ability upon the church literary and social circles of the national capital in true Hoosier style. He has taken advantage of his widened field and increased opportunities. Through the medium of The Freeman and the Colored American, coupled with the several lyceums of Washington, he has now a place in the front rank of race writers and acquired a national reputation. Long ago we ceased to consider him as hedged by political lines, and chose to regard him as a brilliant Indianian, who had nobly held aloft the banner of his home community, and whose unimpeachable record stood as a source of pride to those who had for two decades been his friends and neighbors. The Freeman knows Mr. Thompson and his possibilities, and voluntarily hastens to put in a good word for him, whether it is heeded or not. The new public printer can best please us by continuing Mr. Thompson where he is—unless he has something better for him.

All quiet on the Potomac.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor has extended an invitation to Prof. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee, to be one of the main speakers at the next Annual Convention which meets in San Francisco next July.

The 22nd Commencement of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Normal, Alabama, Prof. W. H. Councill, President, will occur May 23-27, 1897. The following able distinguished gentleman will speak: Commencement Sermon, Bishop L. H. Holsey, Atlanta, Ga.; Annual Address, Hon. B. K. Bruce, Washington, D. C; Y. M. C. A. Annual Address, Rev, B. A. Imes, Normal, Ala.; Annual Address Religious Societies, Rev. F. H. Goodman, Florence, Ala.; Annual Address Sunday School, Rev. N. H. Speight. Huntsville, Ala.; Address before Industrial Classes, Hon. J. T. Settle, Memphis, Tenn.; Address before Industrial Classes, Rev. T. W. Walker, Birmingham, Ala.; Address Literary Societies, Rev. J. T. Brown, Montgomery, Ala. The institution will have 89 graduates representing all of the leading industries.

## GOV. DLOXHAM, OF FLORIDA.

The governor of Florida deserves the congratulation of the whole race for his manly utterances against the lynching evil in his message to the legislature. He says:

> A few men band together; outrage justice, trample upon society, destroy confidence in the ability of officials to do their duty, familiarize the people with brutality, commit murder and fail of any beneficial results To check such lawlessness is our highest duty.

It is just so. The states where this practice obtains, suffer at the hands of a very few ruffians who deem themselves a vigilance committee to righten all wromgs committed by a certain class of people, and the states are characterized as lawless and pay the penalty. He suggests that assault or the intent, should be punished by death; or as he says another punishment perhaps more potent, doubtless meaning castration, should be inflicted. We do not contend for the mode of punishment. The punishments suggested is severe indeed, but if the moral code is held so lax, so lightly that such offences seem trivial, then there needs to be just such stirring reminders of the awfulness of a criminal assault. Of course the vast chasm yet existing between the races has much to do with such hard conditions for the diabolical offense. But if the laws stand as a menace to the evil doers; they should have its fullest benefit if violated. But the punishment should be administered by officials designated by the law, and not by any self constituted guardians of the public weal. Again he says:

> The law should require the sheriff who allowed a prisoner to be taken from the jail or his personal custody, or the custody of his deputy, to be removed and disqualified from ever again holding any similar position.

The foregoing is what gives so much meaning to the governor's attitude. To make such a statement, to make such recommendations by a governor in the South carries with it the thought of seriousness. He says further:

> In addition, public sentiment should be awakened to the necessities of observing the law. To that end the public press, the teachers of the land and all good citizens should unite. The press of our state has done noble work in that direction and let the law abiding and honor-loving people sustain it, and with the cooperation of teachers, spiritual and clerical, and all who look to an elevated citizenship as the true solution of good government, join in the laudable effort to enthrone law and justice as the only governing forces that can sustain our social fabric. There should be no individual redress of wrong. There should be no lynchings.

Right well has the governor spoken. It is to be hoped that his position may be an entering wedge toward the proper disposition of these difficulties. He will have proven a benefactor to the whole country in event his courageous stand is fruitful in proper results.

Dr. C. A. A. Taylor, publisher of the Forum, has been appointed a commissioner to the Tennessee Centennial by Gov. Bloxham, of Florida. Dr. Taylor is well worthy any honor that the governor could bestow on him. He is a man of varied talents. He has traveled extensively and an omnivorous reader. He is popular in his state.

The Indianapolis Freeman is truly a national Negro newspaper. Its readers are legions, its correspondents numerous. Its contents are fresh, piquant and invariably interesting.—Alamo City Advance.

The selection of George F. McCulloch, of Muncie, Ind., for chairman of the Republican state central committee to succeed Mr. J. K. Gowdy, insures the party that they have placed a man at the head of their organization whose broad and liberal views will meet the approval of all classes of Republicans.

It seems that Alice Ruth Moore was mistaken about the neglect of Frederick Douglass' last resting place. Mr. Lewis Douglass, one of his sons, says that the family is giving the matter of marking his grave special consideration.

## DO WOMEN DO THE SUPPORTING?

There is much ado just now about the charge made by Fannie Barrier Williams that the women did the supporting in the South. There are those who think to dismiss the charge by claiming that it is slanderous and that such statements should not be paraded in Negro journals, and that it is enough for white journals to do so, etc. The question is: Do Negro women do the supporting? And it is no little question to be poobed aside. The timidity in allowing the facts to be known, if facts, is hypocritical and yet deceives no one. It is a big question, and one has but to use his eyes critically to arrive at a conclusion. That conclusion will have immense company no matter what side it rests on. It is evident Mrs. Williams is speaking from a scientific standpoint, statistically, and not from her prejudice or her desires. The North is as likely to fit the conditions as the South. No matter how reflecting it seems, there is a good per cent of the supporting done by Negro women this broad land over, and it is no sweeping charge nor reflection. The fact is apparent enough just why they do so. Indeed under the strained chances of livelihood the spirit is commendable. The thing to do is to canvass the situation, it will tell. The bump of conceit over such questions needs puncturing very often.

### Grand Jury Instructed.

Sherman, Tex., Special.

Miss M. Moore has taken the agency for Happy Hours, a monthly magazine. Marshal Dorchester, one of our leading barbers, says The Freeman is the best colored paper that comes to Sherman. Constable A. Davison had quite a lively chase after some drunken men Saturday, but failed to get them. Mr. Hizer is a first class shoe repairer and should be patronized by all. District Judge Bliss instructed the jury concerning the law on the shooting of escaped prisoners, holding that officers could only shoot when in danger of being killed, or where a prisoner under sentence of a felony was escaping and could not be captured. Anyone desiring The Freeman can leave orders at Dr. D. W. Porter's office, or at F. Phillips' barber shop. The Sherman Grays have organized and expect to travel. Any team wishing to challenge them can address James Mitchell, manager. Who will open up a millinery shop here? It is time for the race to be up and doing. Rev. Townsell preached an eloquent sermon Thursday night, and left Friday morning for Corsicanna Miss N. Swain, of Denison, was the guest of Miss S. Henderson, recently. Anyone wishing news published in The Freeman, should hand it to the agent, P. W. Carpenter. While W. Scott and family were in the storm house Thursday night, their residence burned to the ground. Rev. J. P. Culpeper (white) preached an interesting sermon to the colored people Saturday. Revs. E. W. Wright, P. E. of the A. M. E. church, and J. E. Holmes, P. E. of Dallas district, made a flying trip to Paris, Tex, to take part in the District conference. The Second Baptists will have their baptising to-morrow. Revs. Smith, of Texarkana, and Fountain, of Cleburn, Tex., are in Sherman helping to drive out the devil. Subscribe for The Freeman and keep posted on what the colored people are doing.

### "He is Risen."

New Orleans, La., Special.

Easter day at St. Peter A. M. E. church was a grand treat. Rev. J. H. Harper the P. E of the N. O. district preached in the early morn from the text "He is Risen." The pastor preached at 11 o'clock and at night. The collection was good; three joined the church; many came forward to be prayed for. Essays were read by Miss G. Washington and Mr. A. Wright.

### What You Want to Know.

South, Bend, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Cora Dunham of Ft. Wayne, is visiting friends in the city. Mrs. R. H. Mathew's niece has arrived from Gallia county Ohio. She is expecting to spend the summer. If you want a newsy paper read The Freemen. Mrs. Emma Smith who has been sick since January. was out to church Easter. L. M. Johnson has returned from Ohio. John James has returned to South Bend to reside. Delbert Howard was buried from Mt. Zion Baptist church April the 19th. Rev. Geo. D. Smith officiated. Easter services at both churches was a success. Many strangers were in the city Sunday. Mrs. H. C. Scott visited Niles Friday last. Fred Bradly has accepted a position in the choir at the Mt. Zion Baptist church. Rev. G. A. Martin and wife have returned home from Dowagiac, Mich., where he preached Sunday.

### News of the Week.

Columbus, O., Special.

W. Stewart, John Roberson, J. Mitchell and John Dickey of Washington avenue are on the sick list. Thomas Payne, W. May, Sol White, B. May, John White, H. Johnson, A. Mason Jackson, S. Brown, W. Walker have gone with Sells Bro. Circus. There was a shooting scrape on Walnut street recently. Mrs. Harris has moved to Piqua, O. Elias Ryan, one of the three new assessors is an active man and is trying to earn his salary. Geo. Turner our contracter, has engaged a great deal work on hands. McKinly House arrivals are Sebert Page, Congo, O; B. Evans, Miss A. and M. Taylor, R. Webster, Cohocton, O.; Mrs. J. Marce and son, Welliston, O. Mrs. Mary Lucas of the West side, was buried from Mt. Vernon street M. E. church.

## DR. M. A. MAJORS ADMITS

### HIS MISTAKE—CONDOLES THE MISCHIEF ACCRUING FROM

Misleading Statements—He Exonerates Both Drs. Graham and Johnson—A Manly Act.

As men faulty with the frailties and vanities of this world, we often bring reproach upon each other with the aim in view, especially from an argumentative standpoint to inflict the pain mentally, upon the object of attack, that he himself may feel the pang of stricture, often readily given, without cause—without in any sense of robbing one of a good name, by the side of which wealth is but trash. All can readily see how one with a penchant for treating questions upon the morals, the christianity, and high social questions, writers can be led into error by the versatility of the pen. It is upon this question the writer has been the adept to a most grievious error. The mistake is made, it has been discovered by the writer to be a most grievous mistake, and one for which we make quick apologies.

What ever impressions may have gone out, consequent of an article from my pen concerning Drs. Graham and Johnson, men, the writer has abused most unmercifully, and strictly upon hearsay, (and we are such frail beings, and so apt to fall by the slanderers tongue) for who has escaped? Let the words from my pen and the meditations of my heart, in all sincerety and christian brotherly love now extol the virtues of these two gentlemen whose grieveances, merit the attention of thinking people all over this broad land. In the heat of debate, errors and injuries are often inflicted upon the impulse of the moment, that men grow sorrowful over after calm and deliberate thought. It is in this position the writer places himself. and asks the reading world to be considerate. We are sorry that our combativeness is so indellibly marked, and solicit the tender ear of all readers of The Freeman to a manly retraction of any statement whatever in the article above mentioned, that has in any way forced a wrong impression of either Dr. Graham or Dr. Johnson. I profess not to know any one short coming or single fault of either. The article in question is void of accusations, but is written in such manner as to mislead and create unholy and unfair opinions. People not gifted in thought have been known to create wrong ideas simply by jesture, by the wince of the eye, or by the shrug of the shoulder. How grievous must have been the conclusion when superinduced by the passionate impulse!

Dr. Graham answered an article of mine which occured in The Freeman some months ago, in which doubtless he thought or does yet think he made a dispassionate disposition of the moral subject, in referring to a letter which had appeared in a college paper wherin the writer was slandered and mercilessly abused. At this I took some objection, and wrote in answer thereto a vindication of my honor, and mentioned the names of persons in the highest offices of the church, and thought perhaps Dr. Graham would as readily write them as I am sure Bishop Lee or Professor Kealing either would have answered promptly. "Dr. Majors vindication is a true statement, (this can be done yet) then Dr. Graham answered my vindication, in which some very caustic expressions appeared and which, true to nature my sensitiveness got the better of my reasoning faculty, and caused me to deal, without hesitition or deliberation, the injuries upon Dr. Johnson and Dr. Graham, that I now make myself a suppliant, exonerating at the same time more freely now because in reason, and deliberateness, than when I through passion sought to besmirch. In making this apology I trust my readers can easily detect the purpose, and lend sympathy where sympathy is reasonable. I have no just reason to believe Dr. Graham to be unchristian and when I stated in the article that he was a hypocrite, it was pure and simple, one of the many little errors, so likely to be made in the heat of passion, and consequently false both in fact and in purpose, and that Laymen's letter was without the least foundation; in fact, one can readily see how persons in other states through spite or ill-humor can lend aid in debate, to do and even up, for old scores perhaps held against persons without reason. We can see how contemptible Layman has acted, in making charges which in the very face of them prove themselves false, when the manliness is wanting, in the absence of an attached name. The writer can readily see now, not only how damaging Laymen's unmanly letter as to Dr. Graham and Dr. Johnson, but to himself also.

Calm reflection and mature deliberation are two virtues, we shall here after count. and in dealing with persons, like the sagacity, which all writers are ambitious to exhibit, we shall hereafter establish for our guide the the solid fact.

Dr Johnson I hope will fully realize my high purpose in exonerating him in the same article from all accusations and pen thrusts hitherto made by me in promuigation of the falsity of misleading statements. I fully comprehend the dishonor brought on him by having published a letter from his city in which he is maligned by some would be assassin who was void of the manliness to sign his name. I retract all statements impeaching his religious piety and profess that everything written was mere speculation, theory and taken for instance.

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### Flood Sufferers Well Cared For.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Lawyer A. B. Grimes and family, of Avondale, Miss., are in the city. There are over seven hundred flood sufferers in our city. They are well cared for and heroic efforts are being made to secure homes for them. Memphis congratulates itself for having competent and energetic professional men. Dr. C. A. Terrell, one of our leading physicians, is doing himself much credit by erecting a beautiful residence on Georgia street. H. R. Saddler, who won many laurels at the law school of Central Tennessee college, is making rapid strides at the bar. Shelby county is preparing a highly creditable exhibit for the Tennessee Centennial. St. Peter Commandry No, 2 Knights Templars celebrated Easter by attending divine services at Avery Chapel. The ladies of the Second Congregational church gave an art fair last Friday night. The Immaculates had their annual sermon at Centenary M. E. church on Easter. The revival at the Baptist churches is still in progress. Much interest is manifested. There are several new arrivals at Camp Congo. The recent rains have made the camp very uncomfortable There are a number sick here. The work of relieving the flood sufferers with the government funds appropriated by Congress, has begun. Unless you pay this week your paper will be stopped. We can not sell papers on promises. The slayer of Ida Farris was given twenty years in state prison. The water is on the fall at this point. Mrs. J. A. Hooks has returned from Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. A. B Crockill is improving. Baptising took place in the river Sunday morning at 11:30. Gillfield has added about 35 new members. It was a large audience at Avery Metropolitan A. M. E church Easter to enjoy Easter services. A fine musical program was rendered and the sermon was appropriate. The decorations were beautiful. The doors of Avery Chapel were open all day. Services at 10:30, sermon by pastor; 1:30 p. m., special services in Sunday school; 3 p. m., Dr. J. E. Honesty delivered a sermon to the Masons; 7:30 p m., sermon by pastor. Colins Chapel was the scene of pleasant services Easter from morning until evening. The Sunday school was a special Easter school in which the resurrection was the principal feature. The sermon at 11 a. m. was on the resurrection and at night in line with the same thought. The decorations were beautiful and tastefully arranged. At the Congregational church pure white flowers formed the decorations, and were arrrnged wish exquisite taste. At Beale Street church the altar was beautifully decorated in many cut and tall plants; likewise at St. Andrews A. M E. and Tabernacle Baptist. Sam Landis is improving. Subscribe, do not borrow The Freeman. The Colored Concert company appeared at the Union Aid hall on the 21st.

### Easter News—Personal Mention.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special

Mrs. Chas. Clanton of Adrian, was called here Saturday on the account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Lewis. Among the visitors in the city Easter Sunday were Miss Rosa Roberts of Almena, Mrs. Melissa Claytor of Battle Creek, Mr. Hardy of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Weaver of Battle Creek, Lucy Foster of Ostemo, Miss McGruder of Battle Creek, Miss S. Hoover of South Bend and a number of others. Easter services were held at the Second Baptist church Sunday evening. The decorations were beautiful and Phillip Bros. orchestra furnished the music. The program was well carried out. Mrs. Rebecca Richards who has been sick is improved. St. Johns Commandry No. 5, K. of P., attended devotional services at the A. M. E. church Easter in a body. The church was decorated with flowers. The exercises were wholly in charge of Rev. J. J. Hill and Sir Knights. J. L. McGruder vice deputy grand commander of Battle Creek and others out of the city attended the services. The Sunday school held their exercises at 3 p. m., after which Rev. Hill raised a collection and called for the Easter cards. Miss Bertha Wilkinson who has been ill is slowly improving.

### G. A. R. Excursion To Rushville, Ind.

On May 10th. 11th. and 12th., agents of the C. H. & D. Ry. will sell tickets to Rushville and return at special low rates, good until May 14th, account G. A. R. Department of Indiana, Women's Relief Corps.

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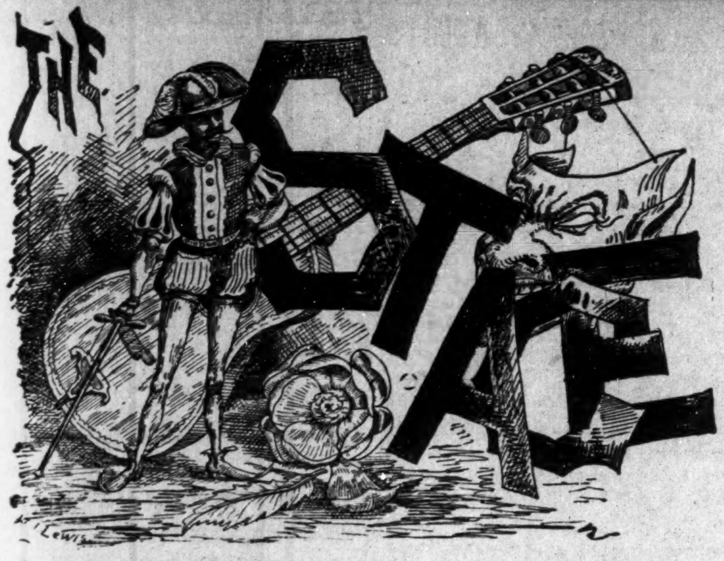

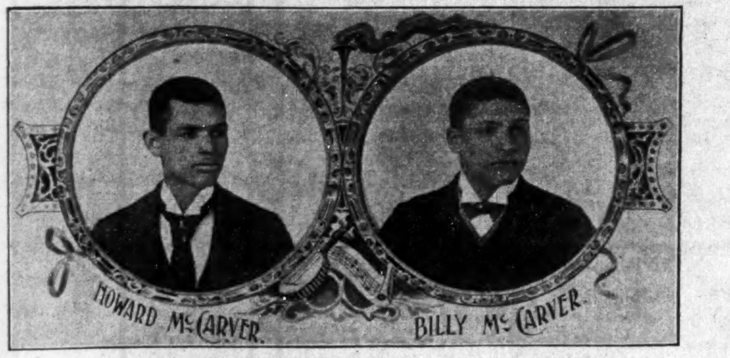
HOWARD McCARVER.
BILLY McCARVER.

McCARVER BROTHERS, Singing and Dancing Comedians.

"The Georgia Cracker Jacks"—The McCarver Brothers, Howard and Billy, singing and dancing comedians par excellence, joined hands in 1892, and since that time they have met with the greatest success. They made a big hit with Ed F. Davis' "Uncle Tom Cabin" company season of '93-'94, and remained with that organization for three seasons; then joining the "Derby Winner" company for the season of '94-'95, where they scored a big success. They joined Al G. Field's Big Colored Minstrels season '95-'96, being one of the leading features, so great was their success with that organization that they were engaged for "Darkest America," for the season of '96-97.

Goggin & Davis are still with Black Patti's Trobadours.

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Geo. L. Moxley is stage derector with Mahara's Minstrels.

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Florence Hines was on the bill at the Haymarket Theatre, Chicago, last week.

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It is said that Sam Lucas will return to "Darkest America" at an early date.

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Hyer's Colored Comedy Company are playing to excellent audiences through Ohio.

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Bert Howard, formerly of Howard & Bland, and X Ray Bixley have formed a partnership.

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Mahara's Colored Ministrels will close a very successful season in Chicago, in about five weeks.

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John Rucker, as "Uncle Amos Jackson" in "Darkest America," keeps the audience in a continuous uproar.

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Billy Jackson's Black "400" Cake Walkers appeared at Clinton Music Hall, Clinton, Mass., April 5-7.

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Harry Waters' "Cry Baby" song is a life-like imitation of a squalling youngster. He is with "Darkest America."

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Isham's "Octoroons" and Black Patti's Troubadours are both playing in Newark, N. J., this week to good business.

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Hodges & Launchmere are no longer with Joseph Oppenheimer's Zero Co, and the use of their paper with that organization is unwarranted.

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Billy Miller in his ludicrous monologue, in which he introduces many original sayings and songs is making a big hit with "Darkest America."

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Hodges and Launchmere, in their songs, marches, dances, and cake walk, in which they was assisted by a number of colored couples were at Hyde & Behman's, New York City, last week.

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Wanted—Eighteen good musicians for band and orchestra for season '97-98. All musicians must double in brass and orchestra. Let all musicians address: Prof. S E. Dodd, Princeton, Ky.

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Oscar Paul, of London, England, the premier basso profundo, with the Mystic Quartette, of the "Darkest America" company has an excellent trained voice This is Mr. Paul's first season in this country.

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The Augusta Mines Colored Comedy and specialty company, opened at Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, April 12, for one week, and then began booking and arranging for the tenting season, which opens May 15.

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Fred Simpson, of "Darkest America" has been engaged to appear at the Musical Festival which is held annually by the colored people in Indianapolis. Mr. Simpson is considered the greatest colored slide trombone soloist in America.

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John W. Isham's Octoroons appeared at the Star Theatre, New York City, Sunday evening, 11, and gave a pleasing performance, in which the well trained singing voices of the company proved an harmonious factor.

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The McClains—Billy and Cordelia—in their own creation entitled: "A Little of Every Old Thing" in which they introduce bits from Trilby and Romeo and Juliette, followed by a medley of popular songs, are making the hit of their lives with "Darkest America" this season.

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Black Carl and a large contingent of the Sam T. Jack's Creoles were at Cronheim's Music Hall, Jersey City, N. J., week of April 12. The people are Alice Gray, May Bohee, Anna Sutton, Grace Carl, Fannie Winfred, James Rivers, Frank Sutton, Sherman Coates, Henry Winfred and Arthur Coates, the last name comprising the Golden Gate Quartet. Business has been large. They were under the management of Black Carl.

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The Georgia Graduates have just finished a successful trip from East to West and return. Have played seventeen week stands, twenty-one three night stands and the rest one and two nights, for thirty-eight weeks. Roster, Ernest Hogan, Al. F. Watts, Harry L. Gillam, Sam Penmore, Billy Allen, Grant Strouter, Jim Vestry, Lou White, Allie Brown, Major John Pamphlin, Frank Cooper, T. J. Lewis, Ben Bemery, Tom Turner, P. R. Price, Joe Pleasant, master of transportation; Jim Morton, proprietor; band and orchestra, under the leadership of C. F. Alexander; Mme. Cecil Smith, LaBelle Green, Bessie Strouter, Heath Sisters, Bertha Wilson, Gertie Raddum, and the Twin Sisters Thompson.

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Notes from Mahara's Minstrels—A great many of the boys took advantage of the market price on diamonds and now there are quite a number to be seen glittering among the boys. A few of the boys who have added laurels to themselves this season is: Leroy Bland, female impersonator; Hilliard Brewer, contortionist; Billy Young, star comedian; Dan Avery, comedian; Reuben Brown, comedian; Geo. L. Moxley, tenor soloist; William Garland, soloist; Enoch McNeary, baritone soloist; L. S. Gray, basso soloist. Prof. Elmore Dodd, leader of the band, deserves special credit and is daily applauded in the street parade. P. J. Cooper plays a tenor solo in the band concert every day. Through California we got The Freeman quite often which is always welcome in our company.

### Cincinnati News Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Zion Baptist church young peoples literary held its regular session on Monday evening April 19th, and was handsomely entertained with a musical and literary program presented by the wondering boys and giris social club which was a grand success. The program is as follows: Opening chrous "Breaking Away;" club openining address, C. H. Hunter; solo, Miss Anna Davis; declamation, G. W. Posey; guitar solo, Miss Emma Johnson; a paper, Miss Emma Smothers; music by the club, recitation, Miss Toliver; essay Mrs. Geo. Bullett, "Literary Work;" instrumental solo, Mr. Eric Dickson; a paper, "Formation of Character" Mrs. A. W. Forney; President Valedictory, A. G. Smith; master of ceremonies, Mr. R. Moore; organist, Messrs Eric Dixon and Ed Hunter. The audience was unusually large and well entertained. A. W. Forney, the president deserves much credit for the success of the club. Rev. Dr. R. E. Wilson of the St. John A. M. E. Zion church baptized twenty-five new conconverts Easter Sabbath. Dr. R. E. Wilson has been appointed by Mayor Caldwell a member of the commission to represent the city of Cincinnati in the colored department of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. All the churches were beautifully decorated with flowers and largely attended Easter. The choirs rendered some of their best music pepared for the occasion. Simon Commandery No. 1, held their divine service at Allen Temple A, M. E. church at 2:30 p. m. Dr. James M. Townsend preached an Easter sermon. The Kings Daughters and Sons will have a presentation of badges on next Sunday April 25th at Zion Baptist church, Mrs. John White president. The Industrial and Benefit Club will hold a fair at Zion Baptist church under the auspicies of the old woman's home, beginning April 26th and lasting one week. Admission 10 cents, season ticket 40 cents.

### Large Easter Attendance

Berkley, Va., Special.

On Easter the attendance at all the churches was large. At the First Baptist church the Sabbath school lesson was well discussed by teachers and pupils. Sermon by Rev. S. E. Griggs. At St. James church the Rev. J. H. Garner preached his farewell sermon. He goes to Newport News. He attended the Lyceum on Friday night and delivered an able address. He retains his membership with the Lyceum. Rev. Israel Butts has been returned to the Sixth Street church for another year. Rev. Hardy Moore held the pulpit of St. Paul Baptist church last Sunday morning and evening. R. H. Anderson has opened a shaving parlor on Berkley avenue, corner Fifth street. Several of our citizens left on Saturday to attend the Grant Mansoleum exercises in New York. James Pendleton has a nice restaurant on Liberty street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. The Republicans meet on May 4th near St. James church, to nominate county officers. Your correspondent is agent and general collector for the Enterprising clothing company, 10 Bank street, Norfolk, Va., Daniel Goodman, manager. The town has borrowed $25,000 more to be applied to street work.

### An Interesting Lecture.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Prof. W. H. Council, president of Normal and Industrial Institute, Normal, Ala., was in the city last week and gave quite an interesting lecture at Warren Chapel A. M. E. church to the young people. Last Monday night at the First Baptist church, Drs. Boyd and Morris lectured to a large and interesting audience. It was one of the grandest ever heard in this city. It is rumored that a West Side Cameron Hill Belle and a popular young groceryman will soon wed.

### A Fatal Accident.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

Miss Maud Roberts is visiting in Covington. Several young people went to Crawfordsville last Thursday to attend a party given by Miss Minnie Hale of that city. Mrs, Rollen Jones was very much surprised last Wednesday night by her many friends in honor of her fortieth birthday. Music was furnished, refreshments served and all had a nice time. The Masons of this city are preparing for a grand entertainment in May. A terrible accident occured last Wednesday night on the Wabash Railway a few miles from the city. David Halton, Plymouth Fields and Miss Nancy Wilson were instantly killed and Miss Laura Smith seriously injured. These four were in a carriage when struck by the Wabash passenger train.

### ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Sunday is quarterly meeting. Baptizing at six o'clock a. m. at the canal near Bethel church. Pastors and congregations of the various churches are cordially invited.

The program rendered by the choir Easter morning was excellent. The director, Chas. Green deserves much credit.

The paper read by Mrs. Cornelia Jones, the solo by Mrs. Patsy Dean, the duet by Mrs. Ora king and Miss Susie Wilson, and the quartette by Misses Bertha and Allie Morgan, Messers Jos. Bowers and Fred Woodfork were excellent.

Rev. J. J. Kennedy of Phœnix Chapel will preach the Sacramental Sermon next Sunday afternoon.

Rev. A. L. Murray delivered a very fine sermon Easter morning to a crowded house.

There were five accessions to the church last Sunday morning: Stephen Thomas, Mary Foree, Sadie Lee, Eliza Twyman and Lucy Williams.

Please pardon for not making mention in last weeks notes of the able, instructive sermon of the Rev. T. E. Wilson, B. D. of Marion. Without a doubt he is a great preacher.

The Sunday school exercises directed by Mrs. Sadie Dudley commended itself favorably to all. Without a doubt she is a great trainer.

The solo rendered by Mrs. Lizzie Bush, was excellent.

The solo by Miss Duretta Dixon, Miss Mamie Allen and W. H. Hunt, the the duet by Drucilla M. Jackson and Fannie Mitchell and the quratette by Miss Mattie Mitchell, Katie Stewart, Harry Williams and C. S. Samuels were exceptably rendered, and highly appreciated by all.

The Easter Cantata entitled, "The Prilgrims Vision" rendered by the chorus of forty voices was par excellent Rev. A. L. Murray, the director deserves great praise for the time and patience in training these voices.

Old members who have been in the church ever since its organization say they never witnessed such grand Easter exercises. The Easter Memorial was in great demand, and the work enacted by The Freeman is spoken of in the highest terms. The people say give them all the work.

### BETHEL A. M. E. Notes.

The church was well filled at each of the services last Sunday and every one seemed to enjoy the day.

Two persons united with the church and six were baptized by sprinkling.

In the afternoon an Easter Cantata was rendered by the Sunday school in a very pleasing manner. At night the choir assisted by Prof. Shelton and Anderson and Miss Georgie Stevenson, gave a grand song service.

The church was tastefully decorated with palms, lillies, and singing birds. Collection $54 24.

Tomorrow morning the pastor will resume his series of discourses upon "The Lords Prayer."

In the evening he will preach the annual surmon to the "Daughters of Charity."

### CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Attendance at Sunday school was 107. A good collection was taken up. An essay was read by Nina Floyd, subject "Why I love Easter."

Easter services were highly enjoyed. Sunday morning Elder Blackshear preached on the "Resurrection of our Savior." A chorus of twenty voices rendered excellent music. Duets solos were rendered at each service. Collection $45.

### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The Sunday School rendered a special program last Sabbath. Papers read by Mrs. Anna Griffin and John Quinn were excellent. Attendance 250; collection $3.

Special services at 11 a. m. by Rev. Carr, subject, "The Resurrection." At 8 p. m., "Natural and Moral Attributes of God." Collection $71.41.

The Orinocos were royally entertained by Miss Tena Steele last Thursday.

The musical last Wednesday night in which Mrs. Lizzie P. Dougan was star, was excellent.

### NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

The largest, most refined and cultured congregation of young people ever assembled before, enjoyed the Sunday School Easter service last Sunday. Dr. Hunter preached an able sermon to a good congregation. Miss Lillian Hill joined the church. Preaching by a Presbyterian minister May 2, at 4 p. m.

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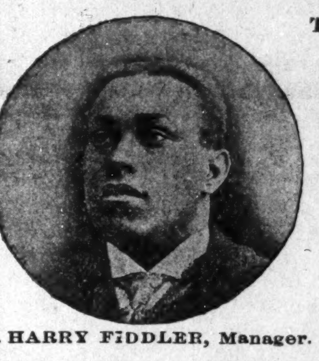

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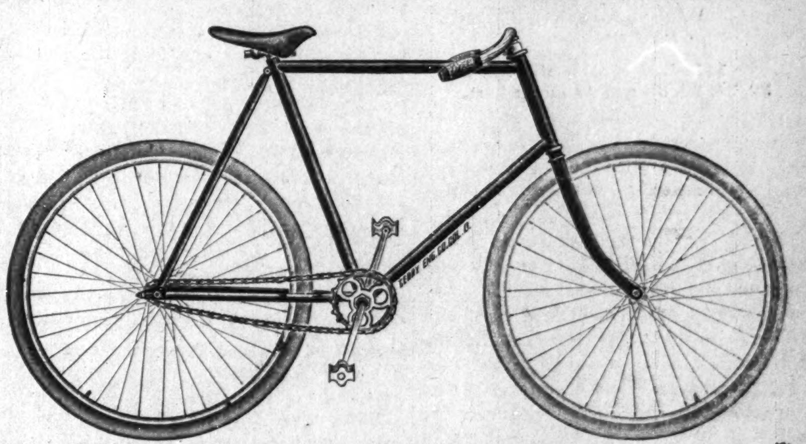

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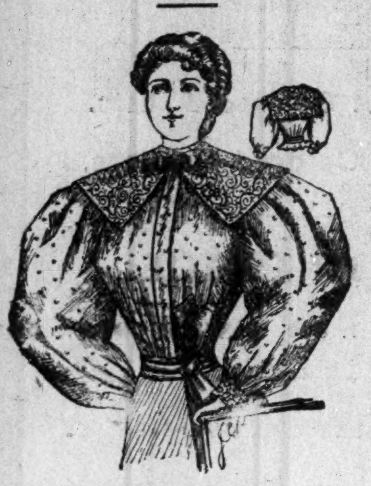
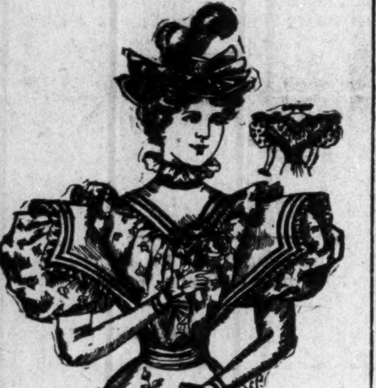


115—MISSES' WAIST.
10, 12, 14 and 16 years.

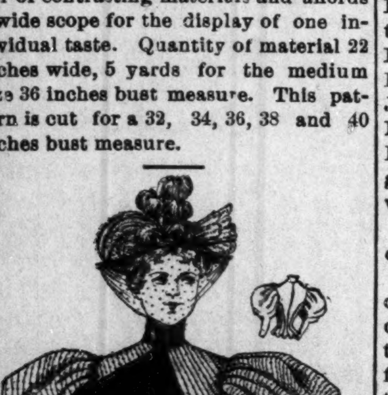
All woolen novelity made this stylish and attractive shirt waist. The handsome collar is of cream lawn applied over electric blue satin. The deep cuffs are of corresponding material. A girdle of ribbon in electric blue encircles the waist while a smart neck-tie finishes the neck. On the right front is a box plait through which the closing is effected with studs or buttons and button holes if preferred. On each side of the plait the fronts are gathered while the fullness at the waist line is drawn to the center both back and front by tabs inserted in a casing The lower portion of the waist is put beneath the dress skirt, thus affording a trim adjustment and preventing the skirt and waist from separating.

The back is seamless and finished with a round yoke. The stylish sailor collar hanging pointed ends, they flare apart in front, and falls deeply across the back and over the full Bishop sleeves that are gathered at the top and bottom and completed with deep cuffs. French flannel, mohair, serge and all wool fabrics will make pretty waists, while silks, crepon and novelty goods in conjunction with lace and velvet will be appropriate for very dressy occasions. Quantity of material 36 inches wide, for a Miss of 14 years, 3½ yards. Sizes ranging from 10, 12, 14 and 16 years of age.



111—LADIES' WAIST.
32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust.

A stylish waist is here represented in beet root red rigogne with trimmings of rich brocade showing beet root and black narrow bands of velvet outline the prettty pointed yoke and the fine edges of the reveres. A glove fitting lining that closes in the centre fronts supports the full fronts and back. The yoke forms a deep point both back and front, from the lower edge of which the full contrasting material depends, falling at the waist line in blouse effect over the deep bodice that closes in the centre back. The pretty pointed curves or epauletts extend full over the sleeve puffs. The close fitting coat sleeves are of plain material from the wrists to above the elbow while the stylish cuffs are of the contrasting material. The wrists are finished by the bands of velvet and a deep frill of silk in the same exquisite shade of beet root. The design is adapted to all manner of contrasting materials and affords a wide scope for the display of one individual taste. Quantity of material 22 inches wide, 5 yards for the medium size 36 inches bust measure. This pattern is cut for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust measure.



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The pattern is cut in six sizes, viz: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure and retails for 25 cents a yard.

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### Benefit Concert Given.

Montreal, Can., Special.

There was a grand concert given the 20th inst., at the Desrivers Street Mission for the benefit of Rev. John Brown, under the management of Mrs. Dave Mason, George Smith, Misses Lillian Meddley, Daisy Brown and others. James A. Ross and bride of New York, are the guests of the Vancouver. Mr. Ross is a prominent politician of New York. Mrs. Frank Beard has returned from a visit with relatives in Chicago. Ed. Durant is quoting the language of a fair lady in Quebec. They will wed in June. Mrs. Wm Clark is on the sick list. Robert DePriest and Ben Jones, of Boston, spent a few days in the city last week. Madam Nelson will remove her dress making establishment from St. Antrine to Donegana street May 1st. David Mason is home again after a visit to Vancouver. The little baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sportsman met with an accident by falling from its carriage. Fred Johnson leaves next month for Saratoga, N. Y. Mrs. H. Jackson and daughter of St. Paul Minn., are guests of the Vancouver hotel. Mrs. Reuben Croker will visit Chicago soon. Geo. Paris is home again after three week's absence. Mrs. Fannie Harding, mother of Mrs. Walter Blackburn, will return to her home in Cincinnati, O., next month. Charles Smith anticipates opening a first class hotel in May. Mr. Smith is an industrious young man and has the best wishes of many friends. Mrs. Eva Porter is convalescent after several week's illness. Mrs. Nannie Woods entertained the colored members of the Coon Hollow show last week. Among them were Messrs Wm. Bradley, Robert Cooper, Wm. Richee, Chas. Fruman, Wm. Asher, Matt Cook, J. Britton, John Bailey, R. Robinson, E. Blackwell and J. Hopkins. Richard Smalley makes no distinction at his bicycle school. He instructs both white and colored.

### School Closing Exercises.

Mt. Tabor, S. C., Special.

Prof. E. T, Reid closed a successful term of school on the 28th ult. The school gave a grand concert. The program was as follows: Miss E. McMahan, welcom address; Eliza A. McMahan, "Education;" Carrie E. McMahan, "Parting from School;" Clara A. McMahan, "Crowning Glory;" R. D. Jordan, "The Negro's Progress;" J. E. Gist, "The Stray Sunbeams;" J. H. Brown, "The Negro's Liberty;" J. W. Smith, "Liars;" Prof. B. J. Smith, "Home Training." Prof. Reid has taught the Mt. Rouewell school for five years and has proved to be a competent teacher. The Winona lodge gave a grand entertainment on the 20th ult. Mrs. Sallie Bankhead died on the 31st ult. The funeral services were conducted at Mt. Rouewell Baptist church by Rev. S. Dankins. Mrs. Bankhead leaves nine children and a husband to mourn her demise. Rev. M. Bogan is doing a great work. Messrs. J. D. Talcom and J. O. Asken have returned from Brainard Institute. Little Annie Nolan, daughter of Rev. Nolan, who has been sick for three months, is now recovering. H. Raiford, D. D, will preach at Mt. Rouewell church on May 2d. George Jordan has bought a horse and wagon. Misses Sallie McMahan and Ellen Kinard, of Pinkney, S. S., were the guests of Miss Bessie McMahan last week.

### Church Work Resumed.

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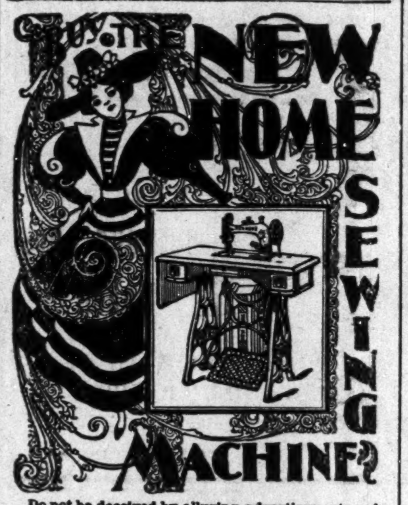

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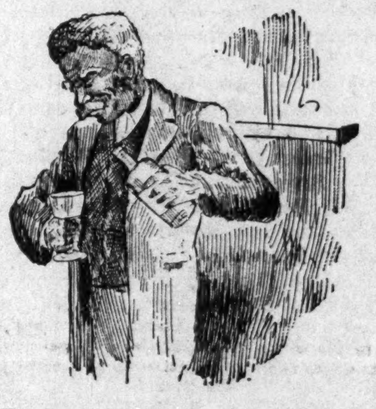

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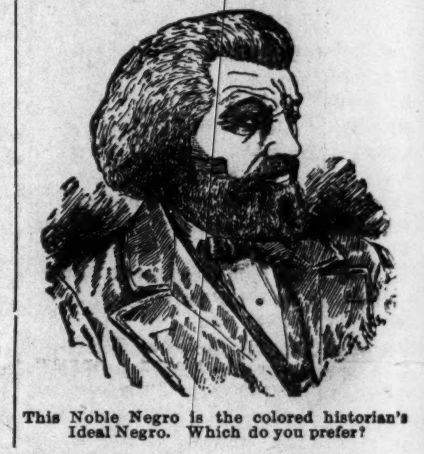

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## A TRIAL SERMON.

### News of the Week—Church Notes—Personal Mentions—Grant S. Neal with us—Warm Reception.

Meridian, Miss, Special.

Rev. L. B. Bankhead, a minister from New Hope Baptist church, was tried on the 10th at New Canaan Baptist church. A council consisting of Rev. D. G. Griffin of Pilgrim Progress Baptist church, East End, Rev. T. A. Jones, L. W. Watson of New Hope Baptist, and J. W. Smith, who ordained him Sunday the 11th at his church. He stood a good examination. Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Wilson, jr., have been visiting their father, T. V. Wilson. They came up from New Orleans. Dr. G. W. Clarke, who has been attending the Medical Association, has returned to the city. Joe Nelson of Jackson, Tenn., has been visiting friends and relatives in the city. Rev. A. M. Trotter, P. E., of the Meridian District, went down the M. & O. road on the 10th to fill his appointment. T. O. Mitchell, route agent on the A. & V. road, has been suffering with an injured hand. The Zion M. E. church, with their revival, has been largely attended the past week. Revs. W. H. Coleman and J. C. Hibbler has been assisting Rev. W. E. Stanton. Your agent in Meridian was very glad to meet the traveling representative of The Freeman, Grant S. Neal. Mr. Neal is an agreeable gentleman. While in the city he called on your agent, T. Murray. also J. W. Smith, O. G. Turner, Wm. Shoemake, route agent, A. T. Washington. Mr. Neal was domiciled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hoskins in Tenth street. Prominent among his white subscribers are Mayor E. H. Dial, Chief-of-Police J. R. Nelson, City Clerk I. A. Moosier, Postmaster J. E. Martin, H. M. Threefoot, wholesale grocer, E. T. George of the Meridian oil mills, A. Coal, gents' furnisher, and Capt. A. J. Hyde, of the machinery works. We thank them for their patronage. B. V. White, chancery clerk, and W. D. Cameron, circuit clerk, colored subscribers, A. T. Washington, L. G. Murray, and Col. J. R. McIntosh, who is one of the leading lawyers in Meridian, and one of the best known criminal lawyers in the Bayou State. Our white patrons say Mr. Neal has but few equals. He is a friendly, jolly good fellow, and made quite a number of friends, both white and colored. He left on the 13th for Chattanooga, Tenn. We recommend Grant S. Neal to any community as a gentleman.

Miss Mamie S. Payne, who has been quite sick, is recovering. Mrs. Goodman is indisposed. The Mother's meeting at St. Paul M. E. church on the 11th was largely attended. Subject, "Fathers and Mothers Duty to their Children." Rev. J. C. Hibbler made an instructive address. Rev. C. L. Harris preached a splendid sermon at the Congregational church the 11th. The waiters of the Southern Hotel gave a grand cake walk at the City Hall on the 22nd. John Ward, manager. Rev. W. A. Jernigan preached at the New Hope Baptist church on the 11th to a large congregation. Mrs. A. E. Nelson, formerly organist, presided at the organ. The rally at Mt. Salem M. E. church, of which Rev. S. A. Cannon is pastor, was largely attended. Rev. Hibbler preached at 11 o'clock; Rev. Wilson filled his appointment at 3 o'clock; Rev. Trotter, P. E., of the Meridian District, preached at 7:30 to a large congregation. Mrs. C. J Shoemake and Mrs. Mary May are recovering. James Garret, who has been attending the State Medical Association at Jackson has returned to the city. A. D. Washington came up from his school at Shubuta on the 10th and spent Sunday with his parents. Gilbert Faggans has been quite sick at his home in the West End. L. G. Murray and son Master Williard spent a few hours in Meridian the 10th. L. Eastland has been quite sick. J. H. Ellebee, who shot J. T. Steal in Meridian about March 13th is on trial for the crime. Joe Nelson has been visiting in the city.

### Clarinda News Notes.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

Mr. Knight is out again. Miss Edna Jones is on the sick list. Mr. Cason and his daughter are no better. Mrs. A. Carlson is better at this writing. Mr. A. Turner of Bedford is in our city. The Second Baptist church had a grand commission circle Monday night. Mrs. Sophia Ashford called on Miss Annie Anderson Sunday. Mrs. Hattie has been quite sick but is improved.

### Decatur Doings.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Rev. Dawson Brown was in the city April 3rd. Miss Letty Roberts and her brother Watts of Lawrence were visiting Enos Winborn and family. Rev. Martin of South Bend is in the city. Robert Le Moore of the Giant Quartette, Chicago, spent Sunday in Niles. John Conas has returned from a visit with friends in Covert.

### A Grand Surprise.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

There was a grand surprise given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Good, 54 East Fourth street, Thursday April 8th. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fossett, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Page, Miss Carter, Miss Frye Fey, Messrs. James Taylor, Draper, Casing, Bonds, Nichols. Dancing was indulged in until early morn. Every one left declaring it one of the swellest affairs of the season.

### The Stewardess Entertain

Logansport, Ind., Special.

The entertainment given by the stewardess of the A. M. E. church last Wednesday night April 7, was a grand success. The Japanese supper was a very enjoyable one and the procedes were $14.75. The trustees of the A. M. E. church are grading and sodding the church yard. Elder Pettiford is taking an active part in the work. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones of 81 Washington street, entertained a large number of her friends at a surprise in honor of Mrs. Jones' thirty-third birthday. It was a very pleasant affair. Mrs. Tom Ashworth will spend Easter in Lafayette. Ed. Russell has accepted a position in Harris and Jones barber shop.

### C. H. & D. Milage.

The C. H. & D. Commercial one thousand mile tickets, sold at $20.00 will hereafter be good on the following roads: Louisville, New Albany, and Chicago, New York, Chicago and St. Louis, Michigan Central between Toledo and Detroit, Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City, Terre Haute and Indianapolis, Baltimore and Ohio, west of Pittsburg and Benwood, B. and O. Southwestern, Peoria, Decatur and Evansville, Indianapolis, Decatur and Western, Cleveland, Terminal and Valley, N. Y., P. and O. Div. Erie, Pittsburg and Western, Dayton and Union, Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo, Findlay, Fort Wayne and Western, Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling.

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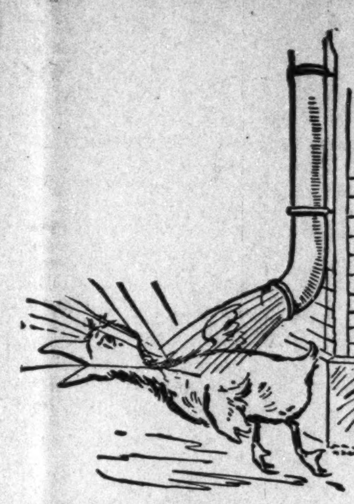

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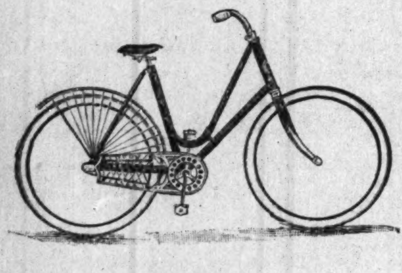

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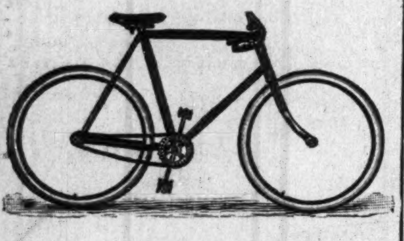

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Misfit garments altered by Peter Schacher, the Tailor, 7 Indiana avenue.

Joseph Smedley is asking for a divorce from his wife, Eliza, in the Superior court.

Get ready for the Blind Boone Concert Company at the Second Baptist church, May 6 and 7.

Kid gloves cleaned and pants pressed at the Capitol City Dye Works, 132 Massachusetts avenue.

Ocia, the oldest daughter of Charles and Lucy Tyree is quite ill at their home in Hiawatha street.

Watch for the bills of the Blind Boone Concert which will be at the Second Baptist May 6 and 7.

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The elite of the city will attend the Blind Boone Concert at the Second Baptist church May 6 and 7.

Don't forget the mock trial which will take place in the near future at the Ninth Presbyterian church.

All kinds of clothing cleaned, dyed and repaired at the Capitol City Dye Works, 132 Massachusetts avenue.

Blind Boone is the only rival of Blind Tom. Hear him at Second Baptist church May 6 and 7.

Dr. Sumner Furniss has kindly proposed to subscribe to a fund in support of the coming Musical Festival.

Garfield Baptist church, Norwood, has an excellent literary society, which meets Tuesday evening of each week.

The first appearance of the Blind Boone Concert Company in a colored church in this city will be at the Second Baptist church May 6 and 7.

Usual services were held at the Second Christian church in Howard street last Sunday, which was also rally day. Collection $53.79. Rev. Womack, pastor.

The Freeman is for sale each week at the following places: Bates House Barber shop, J. J Clark, 150 Massachusetts avenue, and L. W. Green, 48 Malotte avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Lewis of Yandes street, have a phenomenon in the way of a two-year-old girl that sings all the airs it hears, but is unable to talk yet.

The members of the Herculean Club and their company are cordially invited to attend the Blind Boone Concert at the Second Baptist church May 6 and 7.

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The enterprising young men of the Tuxedo Club and their company are respectfully invited to attend the Blind Boone Concert at the Second Baptist church May 6 and 7.

The members of the Alpha Home Association wish to extend to the members of the Musicale and Martin's orchestra their sincere thanks for the benefit given by them for their association to help the aged poor. Hulda Webb, president; Amanda Wells, secretary.

Nettie Cleggett, who was confined at the Woman's Reformatory on the charge of infanticide, has been pardoned and sent to her home at Hartford, Conn. This was mainly through the efforts of Gov. Thomas Hanna and J. T. V. Hill her attorneys.

## PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Miss May Harvester is the guest of Chicago friends.

Felix Gaten spent several days in Marion this week.

Edward Page, of Springfield, O., has located in the city.

O an Bradshaw and Miss Bettie Lewis were recently married.

Dr. Robt. H. Harper was in Crawfordsville last week on business.

Miss Hattie Tribue has returned from a four month's visit in Anderson.

Mrs. L. Brown entertained the Ladies Aid Society of Corinthian church at her home, 173 West North street Thursday afternoon from 2 till 6.

Othello Roundtree of Omaha, Neb., and Will Roundtree of Milwaukee, are in the city, called by the illness of their mother, Mrs. V. Saunders, 333 West North street.

Joseph E. Hodge and Miss Emma Earl were married from the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Abraham Trible, 354 Douglass street last Wednesday evening.

Fred Simpson of "Darkest America," will spend his vacation in Indianapolis. He is considered the greatest trombone player in America. He will play in the Musical Festival.

The Ladies Bouquet Circle of the East End of the Second Baptist church met with Mrs. Susie Trevan, 182 West Michigan street, last Friday afternoon. The circle will meet with Mrs. Snead, 132 Toledo street next Friday.

The Golden Rod Circle met at the home of Mrs. H. H. Thompson Friday afternoon of last week. There were several selections rendered. The next meeting will be held May 7 at the home of Mrs. J. Redmond, 12 Nelson street.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox, accompanied by Chas. Stewart, advertising representative of The Freeman, are spending a few days this week in Nashville, Tenn., the guests of Hon. Richard Hill, chief of the Negro department of the Tennessee Centennial.

Messrs. Lawrence Chenault, George Tichnor, Cicero Reed, Oscar Paul, Howard McCarver, Billy McCarver, Fred Simpson, Billy McClain, John Rucker, Jas White, Billy Miller, Jno. Dickerson, I. Tolliver and B. Moore, members of "Darkest America," paid our office a pleasant visit during their stay in the city.

### "Darkest America."

At the Grand Opera House, the last three nights of last week Al. G. Field's "Darkest America" was presented before large and appreciative audiences. "Darkest America" is styled a comedy drama, but it could be classed as a variety or specialty performance just as well. The scenes are all laid in the South and deal with Negro life in all its phases, depicting home life. Nearly all of the possibilities of the race. The show leads the audience from plantation days into their husking bees and 'possum hunts, through emancipation to the highest development of the race in politics at Washington. There is plenty of entertainment in the specialties of Billy Miller, John Rucker, McCarver Bros., Geo. Titchnor, Mme. Cordelia, Billy McClain, Cora Carter, Mrs. Sam Lucas, the Mystic Quartet, Sadie Lee, The "Only" Vida and Harry Waters. Henderson Smith's superb band and Frank Hailstock's orchestra are still with the company and are furnishing excellent music. It is an amusement novelty from start to finish and thoroughly enjoyable.

## "SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

A colored female "scorcher" attired in bloomers was an unfavorable spectacle on the boulevard Sunday.

The good and pious deacon, the calm and sedate layman and other dipped-and-dyed-in-the-wool orthodox people were among the pleasure-seekers to see "Darkest America" at the Grand.

Church attendance showed a very large increase last Sunday over the previous one. The interior of the churches seemed a mass of floating flowers, penetrating all therein with their rich perfume. The services were grave, solemn and sublime, and everything seemed in touch with the sacredness and import of an Easter day.

There is no habit so easy to acquire or so hard to break as the use of slang. It creeps upon us as stealthily and insidiously as the deadly miasma of the swamps, and we only realize our danger after our whole vocabulary has become inoculated with the poison. An apt slang phrase sounds amusing at the moment. We first endure, then pity and embrace, and finally, to our consternation, find that our conversation has degenerated to the level of the street gamins.

Yet nothing marks the person of culture so quickly as their command of language and their way of expressing themselves. "Thy speech betrayeth thee," cried the accusing multitude to the denying Peter, and we still judge by the same standard. Especially do we apply this test to women. A woman may be elegantly gowned and have all the outward appearances of refinement, but if she converses in a loud or strident voice, and if she garnishes her conversation plentifully with slang we unhesitatingly set her down as coarse and vulgar. "Thy speech betrayeth thee," we still cry.

Sometimes we plead by way of excuse that slang is so expressive, and, indeed, the greatest stickler for purity of language must admit that now and then a slang word has a picturesqueness and a directness that goes to the very heart of a subject, and illumines it in a way no classical phrase ever does. It might even be admitted that a bit of slang might be used occasionally as one might use a particle of pungent spice to flavor a tasteless dish, but the woman, the invariable index of a lofty intellect and a pure soul, but pure thoughts expressing themselves in beautifully language is what we associate with women—just as we never think of a rose without its perfume, says an exchange.

### The Cinematograph at Bethel.

No announcement ever made in Bethel church ever met a more hearty approbation from saint and sinner alike than when Rev. D. A. Graham informed his immense congregation that the cinematograph had been secured for two nights of the Inter-State Bazaar which opens May 18, and continues two weeks. None had supposed that the church had dared to make such a costly venture, but in the planning of the Bazaar, the management has determined to give such a carnival of amusement and display as never attempted before by any of our churches. Therefore not only will the cinematograph appear two nights, but two grand vocal concerts, an old folks concert, a children's concert, an orchestral concert, drills, international pageants, etc., are being prepared, but the greatest wonder of it all is, that a 25c weekly ticket will admit you all of one week. On cinematograph nights reserved seats can be had for 25c extra. 'Tis needless to say that tickets are selling rapidly.

### Death of Mrs. Eliza Titus.

The funeral services of Mrs. Eliza Titus, late widow of Rev. Richard Titus a former pastor of Allen chapel and the matron of Alpha Home during a period of five consecutive years, also an aunt of Mrs. James T. V. Hill, took place at Allen chapel last Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the Sister's of Charity, of which she was an active member. Mrs. Titus was an exemplary christian, kind loving and generous to all who fortunately knew her. She was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1841. She leaves a niece, Sarah E. Hill, and a number of near relatives in New York, Pennsylvania and Chicago, together with a host of kind friends in this city to mourn her demise. Rev. A. L. Murray preached an effective discourse, and was assisted by Rev. Graham of Bethel church, Rev. Sissle of Simpson chapel, Rev. Christy of Grace Mission and Presiding Elder Townsend, who spoke feelingly of the deceased, having known her from childhood. The remains were interred in the family lot at Crown Hill cemetery amid the beautiful decorations generously bestowed. C. M. C. Willis, undertaker, had charge of the funeral.

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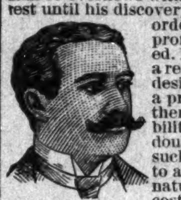
The prescription is sent free and although some may wonder how Mr. Olds can afford to give away his discovery, there is no doubt about the offer being genuine. *Cut this out and send to Mr. Olds so that he may know how you came to write him*



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Thousands of dollars' worth of domestic linings of all kinds and dry goods in general that we have not space to mention, going at the same reduced sale prices.

CAPE DEPARTMENT.

3,000 ladies' fine capes, from 89 cents to $3.98, worth from $2.50 to$10; 1,000 ladies' fine jackets, from $1.33 to $4.98, worth from $3 to $15.

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2,000 pairs of men's dress shoes at 98 cents. 1,200 pairs of men's $3 dress shoes $1.23. 3,500 pairs of men's working shoes at 89 cents. 1,500 pairs of ladies' $2 kid shoes go at 82 cents. 900 pairs of ladies' $4 kid shoes go at $1.63. 2,200 pairs of children's shoes go at 17 cents.

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